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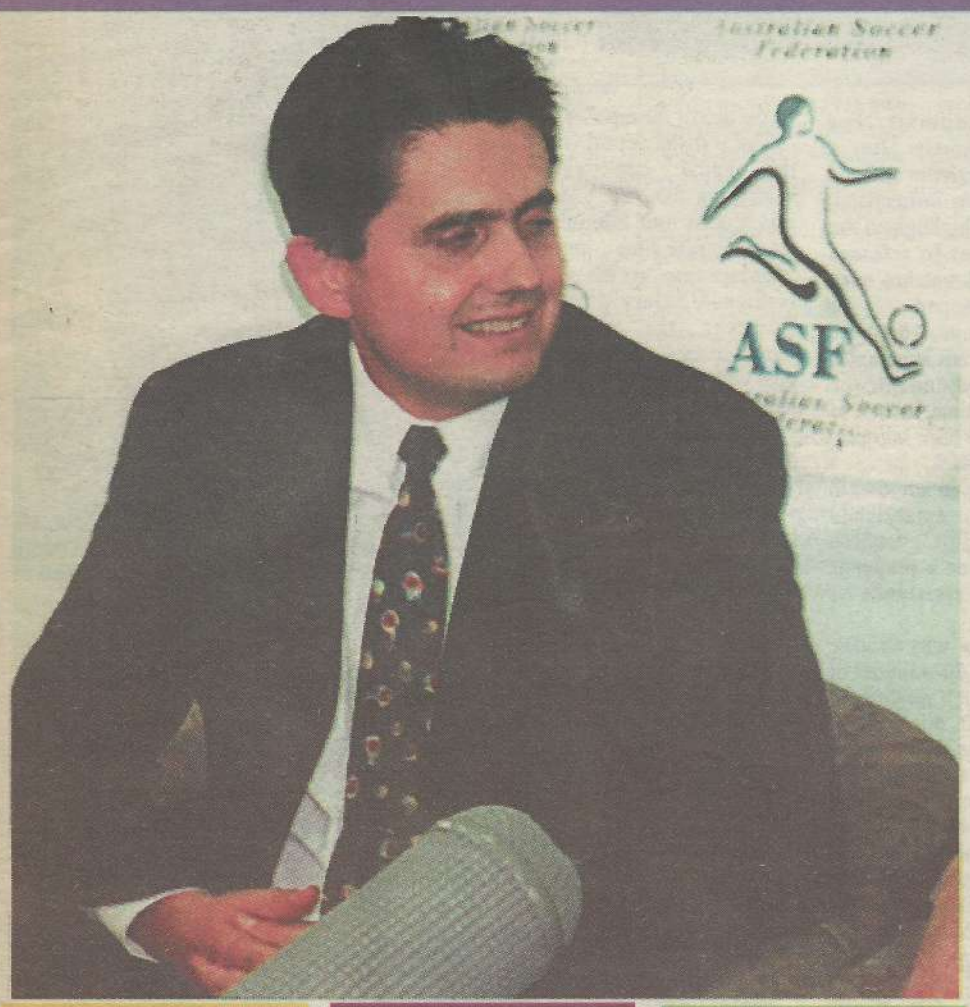
# SYDNEY UNITED TO CONTINUE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE




**Most of the Soccer Australia Board, meeting in Sydney over the weekend, chaired by Ms Sue Baker-Finch, considered the report of the committee of Inquiry into the conduct of Sydney United, at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday May 18, of this year.**

Sydney United supporters were found to have brought the game into disrepute having committed ten offenses. An official of the club was found to have done the same with a statement made to the media concerning a matter before a SA Committee of Inquiry. Also the club failed to carry out an instruction from a 1992 Annual General Meeting.

The offenses were considered serious enough for the board to look at expelling Sydney United from the League.

In the end, after taking into account initiatives made by the club, they had an identical bond for good behaviour placed on them as South Melbourne. The ten offenses by spectators will cost the club a fine of $30,000. The last failure could cost $1,000.

The Board imposed seven conditions on Sydney United in order for the club to continue in the League.

Four of these conditions could be considered highly contentious. (See page 3 for full details).

A move to Parramatta Stadium, for their home games, could eventually enable the Pumas to climb away from their ethnic origins. However that will not be easy but is possible with the right approach in marketing.

The name 'Sydney United' is arguably the best of all three Harbour city based clubs. One of the top five clubs in the world is called United, from Manchester. Their main colour is red, the same as the Sydney based outfit.

President of Sydney United, Ivan Simic and recently appointed 'Great Soccer Team' John Hewson, have a monumental challenge ahead. It is one which can and must be successfully negotiated,,.. for the good of the game.

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Brisbane City win second consecutive Grand Final pg 7

# PARRAMATTA EAGLES CREATE HISTORY

**Parramatta Eagles are the first club in any of Australia's major competitions to win both Premiership and Grand Final.**

They did this in all three NSW Super League competitions, Firsts, Under 21s and Under 18s. This treble double is unique and a remarkable achievement.

The Eagles can rightly celebrate their success, which includes $30,000 for the Premiership and a further $25,000 from their 3-1 victory in the Grand Final.

As Doug Utjesenovic, a member of Australia's 1974 World Cup Finals team, and coach of the Eagles said after the Grand Final success, "The team as a whole sacrificed its all for the club, for its very hard working administrators and the very loyal, staunch supporters."

# Rising standards in coaching ranks

— Bob Brooks

Clubs and Soccer Associations are already thinking about 1998. As can be seen throughout this paper, the number of advertisements for coaches of both senior and junior teams has risen dramatically in the last few weeks.

*Even before the various finals series are complete, notwithstanding the State championships, applications are being canvassed. The qualifications being sought are higher than ever before. Fortunately, the availability of people with the desired accreditation and experience level is able to be met.*

*However the holding of a certificate, indicating that a person can pass both theoretical and practical examinations, is not the only criterion needed to make a good coach.*

*Practical and well developed communication skills are essential. The ability to get across the appropriate message for the group under instruction is vital. Some training and experience as a teacher seems to be an advantage. Well organised sessions, with variety, keep the team interested and the coaching enjoyable.*

*When players find excuses to skip training, or always have niggling injuries, then the coach has either lost respect, is putting on boring, repetitive sessions or is failing to communicate effectively.*

*The results of the team, with such a coach, will be poor. They will certainly never perform to their true and full potential.*

*Players could be lost to the game because of inept coaching.*

*Clubs and committees in Victoria are notoriously intolerant of success for their teams. This is reflected in the number of coaching changes that take place in that State's major competition.*

*A point of conjecture on the Victorian situation raises itself. Are the coaches who take charge of Premier League clubs providing enough variety and variation at their training sessions? Maybe they are failing to communicate their requirements adequately? The net result being dissent in the player ranks and patchy performances by the team.*

*Could it be that Melbourne has felt the loss of so many players overseas more keenly than other areas of the country?*

*Talented mid-teenage players are finding positions abroad and never showing their ability in Australia's top state competitions.*

*Even the AIS in Canberra appears to be experiencing difficulties in attracting a full complement for their excellent program.*

*The staff at the AIS are some of the best around. The facilities are equal to anywhere in the world. The medical, psychological, lifestyle and even maintenance staff are of top quality.*

*Maybe our energy and effort should be going into teaching coaches how to be even better than they already are. Then, the selection effort for clubs and associations will be a more challenging task.*

*A number of independent coaches are attempting to set themselves up, either individually or in small groups, to provide alternative teaching. This is made more difficult with sniping and the spreading of false information by jealous, vested interests.*

*Surely the more teaching, training and coaching that is available, the better will be our standards at all levels of the game.*

*'The Game' is the only thing that matters in the end.*

# SOLE JUDGE OF TIME

**By BOB BROOKS**

**Professional players, in fact any players, the world over, should know that the referee is the sole judge of time. What was reported to have happened in the Leicester City versus Arsenal game last week, was unacceptable and disgraceful (see page 22 for further details).**

Some months ago an Editorial in ABSW pointed out that players must be prepared by their coaches to go on for up to 100 minutes of action from the time the whistle blows to start the match.

This Editorial was written shortly after a FIFA Newsletter arrived from Zurich, Switzerland. An article highlighted the instructions to referees which said watches must be stopped for substitutions, the time taken to restart after a goal was scored and for the period of time it took to get the ball back into play from a goalkick.

This was in addition to the long established 'injury time', which occurs when a player is hurt and assistance is called for.

The idea was to give spectators 90 minutes of action, which might take up to 100 minutes of elapsed time. The changes were also to ensure that teams didn't waste time deliberately when the game was near the end and they (the time-wasters) were winning.

Arsene Wenger and the Arsenal support staff must know this. They should have informed all the players at Highbury. Failure to do so may now cost the club a great deal of money in fines and Ian Wright the chance of beating Cliff Bastin's long standing goalscoring record.

Wright was recently heavily fined and warned about his behaviour by the Football Association, the controlling body for the Premier League in England. He could face a lengthy suspension which could cause him to retire prematurely.

There have been games in Australia over the last two seasons which have gone to 97 minutes. With a couple of injuries, the maximum six substitutions, bookings and the ball being out of play for extended periods, seven minutes 'stoppage time' is quite reasonable.

It presents a challenge to journalists preparing a match report. Goals can only be scored in the 90 minutes. So when scorers are credited in the 92nd or 95th minutes, that is wrong and shows naivety on the part of the reporter.

The written report on the game can say something like 'the goal was scored four minutes into stoppage time', note 'stoppage time' not the old fashioned 'injury time'. However the match statistics must record the goal within the 90 minutes allowed for a game.

This means that if in a match in which a goal was scored four minutes into stoppage time, and the referee adds on six minutes, then the successful strike is recorded as being gained in the 88th minute: Simple really.

If all this is obvious to an Editor of a Soccer publication Down Under then surely it is known and understood in the home of the World Game!

There is no excuse for players in the Premier League protesting to the referee, who is the sole judge of time, about the game going 'too long'.

Professional players have a responsibility to show an example for youngsters to follow. It must be at all times a 'good' example.

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# WOLLONGONG WINS BRESCIA CUP

By JOHN ECONOMOS

**Last Wednesday night at the Marconi Stadium, Wollongong City stunned an experimental Marconi with a 0-3 winning scoreline in a one-off match to take out the Brescia Challenge Cup.**

Looking hungrier, more settled and mobile, Wollongong drew first blood through midfielder Matt Horsely, who nailed the target from 12 metres out after 17 minutes.

And two minutes from the break midfielder Sonny Sevin easily sliced past two flat footed Marconi defenders to double the scoreline.

Wollongong's left flanker, the lanky Scott Chipperfield, trebled the scoreboard seven minutes after the break.

The match that saw a disjointed Marconi play with a novel formation of just two central markers plus a 'screener', but without a customary sweeper.

In the 59th minute, following a Vlado Zoric foul in the box on Wollongong's pacey striker, Sasha Dimoski, it could have been worse but Sevin went wide of the left post with his penalty drive

Wollongong's pleased coach, Nick Theodorakopoulos, stated after the match: "I was very pleased with keeping Marconi scoreless which was my number one aim, but was also pleased with our cohesion and organisation in defence. We achieved both very well."

Straight after the match Marconi officials signed up Leichhardt Tigers' towering 22 year old goalkeeper Ante Covic on a two year contract, beating both Wollongong City and Sydney United in the race for his signature.

**Marconi:**
Henderson, Casserly, Longo (Souris 46), M.Babic, Holst (Renaud 46), Van Cuylenberg (Bosevski 64), Maloney, Zoric, MacDonald, Awaritife, S.Babic, (Lamond 49).

**Wollongong:**
Hughes (Brodbeck 70), Surjan (Younis 46), Connolly (Kiriamis 49), Stanton (Gordon 85), Ceccoli, Horsely, Sevin, Harlock, Reda (Spencer 46), Dimoski, Chipperfield.

*Scorers:*
WOLLONGONG: Horsely (17), (Sevin (43), Chipperfield (52)
*Referee:* B.Hugo.

# Horvat the Hammer

By MICKY BROCK

**As seems almost a customary occurrence these days, it looks certain that another Aussie is heading off to England, in particular the Premier League.**

This time though the player is already overseas, at Hajduk Split in Croatia. 26 year old defender, Steve Horvat, is set to sign for West Ham United and link up with Socceroo team mate Stan Lazaridis at the East End club.

Since the Hammers' Centenary Tour of Australia two years ago, manager Harry Redknapp obviously liked what he saw by first taking Stan 'The Man' Lazaridis to the Boleyn Ground, and then young Canberra keeper Steve Mautone, who is now playing at First Division Reading, together with fellow Aussies Andrew Bernal and Stuart Lovell.

If the deal goes through, Horvat will take the number of Australians playing in the UK to over forty, not forgetting that Craig Moore and Tony Vidmar are at Glasgow Rangers, and 18 year old goalkeeper Tynan Scope, who has just signed a 12 month deal with Coventry City.

Though it seems a great drain on our playing resources, the rewards — when such stars do return — are invaluable should they be involved with the local game. Frank Farina and David Mitchell are cases in point.

*Steve Mautone (right) Now at Reading after joining West Ham United in England.*

# WHAT SOCCER AUSTRALIA WISH TO IMPOSE . . .

By MICKY BROCK

**The board of Soccer Australia deliberated this past weekend, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31, to discuss with Sydney United the reforms they wish the club to adopt if to remain, one assumes, in the Ericsson Cup.**

The media Bulletin left no-one in any doubt as to where the sport's governing body stands on the issues raised by the scenes during United's clash with South Melbourne last May.

Ms Sue Baker-Finch chaired the meeting after SA Chairman, David Hill, excluded himself from the decision making. Deputy Chairman Basil Scarsella was overseas.

The Board accepted the committee of inquiry findings that the "Actions of Sydney United supporters cannot be condoned in any sense." They also found Sydney United to have brought the game into disrepute on the following basis:

1: Ten (10) offences by Sydney United supporters on 18 May, 1997;

2: Statements made to the media by a Sydney United official in respect of a matter set down for hearing by a Committee of Inquiry; and

3: Failing to amend its articles to comply with a 1992 AGM ruling to ensure that club Articles of Association prohibit the club and its people from taking disputes to courts of law.

The Board found these offences to be serious enough to consider the expulsion of Sydney United from the league but took into account the 'positive initiatives and developments the club had indicated in their submissions to the committee of inquiry and the board'.

The board then, after serious thought, decided the club should receive the following penalties being brought against them:

1: a good behaviour bond of $50, 000 to apply to all games for the 1997/8 seasons;

2: a fine of $30, 000 payable before the commencement of 1997/98 season relating to the ten (10) offences regarding spectator behaviour on the 18 May 1997 and subsequent breach of regulation 52.3;

3: a suspended fine of $1000 for breach of By Law 14.14;

4: a notice of technical breach in relation to Sydney United's failure to bring its Articles in line with Soccer Australia requirements

The matter was not drawn to a close at this point and went further still by putting Sydney United on notice of what they consider to be unacceptable to their continued participation in the league.

1: Sydney United's cooperation, along with the other clubs and Soccer Australia, in the formulation of a mandatory code of conduct for spectators and supporters, and the implementation of that code in the club's constitution and conditions of membership by 31 December 1997;

2: Implementation of strategies to improve security and spectator/supporter behaviour by the commencement of the 1997/98 league season. These strategies are to include;

— the introduction of a supporter's identification system

— the banning of known offenders and undesirables from matches;

— educational activities to ensure supporters/spectators understand that the club has responsibility for the behaviour of its supporters and the implications of unruly behaviour on the club and the game;

— the setting of minimum levels of security personnel, procedures and arrangements at all home games determined in consultation with the National Soccer League;

— setting optimal standards for crowd control at all games involving Sydney United in consultation with Soccer Australia;

3: Parramatta Stadium becoming the club's home ground from the start of the 1997/98 season;

4: Development of a membership policy and implementation of specific strategies by 31 December 1997 aimed at expanding its membership and removing the perception that Sydney United is an "exclusively Croatian" entity.

5: Reconstitution of its Board by 31 December 1997 to provide for a more diverse range of directors with experience in areas such as finance, marketing, etc and to include non-Croatian background members, both men and women.

6: Implementation of an expanded management structure incorporating a marketing and publicity arm by 31 December 1997, to promote Sydney United beyond the Croatian community; and

7: Aggressive recruitment of non-Croatian background players to further broaden the club's appeal.

The implications of this document could have far wider ramifications and the question has to be asked: Can Soccer Australia impose such restrictions on one Ericsson Cup team and not the rest?

Your views are welcomed.

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# '74 SOCCEROOS HONOURED AT LAST

**By BOB BROOKS**

**At the Fraternity Club in Wollongong last Friday night, Australia's 1974 World Cup squad were paid the honour of a sustained standing ovation by an enthusiastic audience.**

The Port Kembla Soccer Club were the instigators of this long overdue tribute, with the assistance of a number of organisations and individuals.

Most of the players who represented Australia for the first, and so far only, time at the World Cup Finals were in attendance. All of the 'backroom' team were also there.

Dr Brian Corrigan said, "The ASF has done b.....r all for us, so we appreciate what the Port Kembla Soccer Club has done for us tonight."

Team spirit and being like a family carried them to WM74, as those Finals were known.

In the Seoul qualifier, they were 2-0 down but pulled back to draw 2-2. Both teams were on the same aircraft from Seoul to Hong Kong for the decider two days later.

The Aussies were happy and on top of the world, while the South Koreans were downcast and disappointed.

The boys in the 'Green and Gold' then knew that the game would be theirs. It took until the 70th minute for the only goal of the game to arrive.

Jim Mackay hit a 30 metre volley for that wonderful winner.

Asked why he didn't go to West Germany, ace goalkeeper Jim Fraser explained, "We were in Seoul when I received a telegram from my business partner which said, 'Dogs in factory, can't get in, please advise'.

The dogs were guards at the partners' factory. They did their security job too well.

The business swamped Fraser and he found he had to declare himself unavailable to travel to the World Cup Finals. He had played all the qualifying games but missed out on the last part.

Rale Rasic commented about Ray Baartz: "There was nothing to compare with Ray. If we'd had him against East Germany we would have won!"

**AUSTRALIA'S 1974 WORLD CUP TRAVELLING SQUAD IN WEST GERMANY**

*BACK ROW: Rale Rasic (coach), Max Tolson, Dave Harding, Jack Reilly, Peter Ollerton, Garry Manuel, Jimmy Mitisavljevic, Allan Maher, Dr Brian Corrigan (team doctor), Les Scheinflug (assistant coach). MIDDLE ROW: Peter Van Ryn (team physio), Johnny Watkiss, Manfred Schaefer, Jimmy Rooney, Peter Wilson (captain), Col Curran, Harry Williams, Jimmy MacKay, Branko Buljevic. FRONT ROW: Ray Richards, Ernie Campbell, Ivo Rudic, Adrian Alston, Atti Abonyi, Johnny Warren, Dougie Utjesenovic.*

## The Baartz Story at Last

HE WAS permanently put out of the game by a blow to the wind pipe, in a warm up contest against Uruguay in Sydney.

Two days earlier in Melbourne, in March of 1974, Australia held the great South American footballing nation to a 0-0 draw.

The twice former World Cup winners were determined to overcome these Aussie 'upstarts' in Sydney.

Baartz and his marker were having a 'ding dong' battle. As they ran alongside each other the Uruguayan thrust out his arm and swung it into his throat.

The Australian striker went down fighting for breath. The doctor got him going again but Baartz was replaced in the second half.

Australia won the game 2-0 much to the amazement of the world's sporting press, but he lost all feeling in one arm and his leg on the same side. He called his own medico on Sunday morning and was rushed into one of Sydney's major hospitals.

His cartoid artery had been badly damaged by the blow. It had swelled and cut off the blood supply: it was similar to a stroke.

He had a magnificent shot as part of his armoury, but it was never fired again.

Max Tolson was a bustling attacker who carried out his coach's instructions to perfection. Against Iran, in Tehran, Rasic put him on at half time, and told him to get down the middle and put some pressure on.

The ball went down the wing and was crossed into the area. Tolson hit one Iranian with his left arm, one with his right and bundled the goalie into the net.

According to the coach of 1974, Rale Rasic, there were a number of living legends of Australian Soccer at the function.

He named Johnnie Warren, Les Scheinflug, physio Peter Van Ryn, who travelled to Wollongong two days after an operation, and Ray Richards.

Rasic reminisced about Richards, saying he was a hard man. When he tackled, the grass "never grew in that spot again!"

Maybe all the team — the ones in the qualifiers and the ones who went to the World Cup Finals in 1974 — should stand in Soccer's Hall of Fame.

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# FIVE HUNDRED GAME GOALIE

**By BOB BROOKS**

**How many players get to play 500 games? Do clubs and the individuals know when they reach such a remarkable milestone?**

David Apps and Greystanes match the criterion. Just before the end of last season, this cheerful, unassuming and modest man achieved this feat. At only 30 years of age Apps has completed an incredible 24 seasons at the club. His first was 1974 in the Under 7s.

Greystanes is located five kilometres west of Parramatta, an area developed since the 1950s, with most houses little more than 25 years old.

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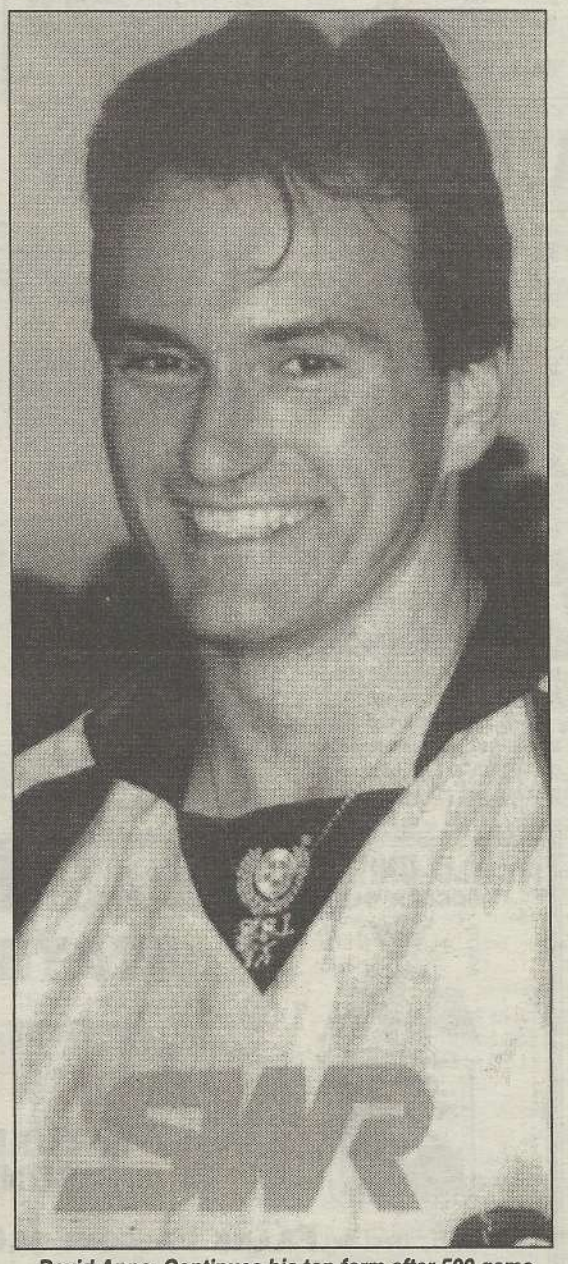

*David Apps: Continues his top form after 500 game career to date.*

The club's famous light brown and white colours have been seen in Granville District Association competitions since 1970. Their home, at Bathurst Street, has two adjacent pitches and an excellent amenities block. Floodlights have been a training aid for many years.

David Apps started in the early days of the fledgling club. By the time he was in Under 12s the 100 game pennant was coming his way. Only six years later, while playing for the Under 21 team, David made it to 200. His 400 pennant came up in 1994, where he was keeping goals with the team in NSWSF Division Three. In that season Apps was an ever present in their 28 games.

John Frogbrook, a life-member of Greystanes and long associated with the teams that David Apps has played in, rates him as one of the top custodians in NSWSF Division One.

He stated that most first team members at Greystanes have come through the ranks of the juniors, and are following Apps' path.

David is also employed by the City of Blacktown Council as an inspector.

Now that the season is over he is taking a two month break to tour the Top End, starting in Far North Queensland.

The keeper is a fine example of a dedicated club man. 500 games for one club, and more to come. All this for no financial reward, as Greystanes is a purely amateur, non-paying club.

As he says, "Greystanes is like a family for me." I am sure many of us can relate to that.


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Dear Sir,

The President and Board of Directors of the Port Kembla Soccer Club would like to take this opportunity to thank ABSW for all the promotional publicity generated through the articles published leading up to our '1974 Australian World Cup Team Dinner'.

A very special thank you must go to your staff correspondent, John Economos, for the sincere and strong support he's given to this very special evening.

Also, we thank the Port Kembla Golf Club and Fairways Motel for their valued support, as well as Ray Poletto from Nimbi Protective Coating.

Furthermore, we express our sincere gratitude to the Fraternity Club, our major sponsors, for their pivotal involvement.

Last, but not least, Port Kembla SC acknowledges most appreciatively the ABB Group for all their support given to us, especially Nicole Tate (Function Secretary) who expertly handled all enquiries concerning our 'Big Event'.

The club believes it has invested correctly in this marvellous event, as we all know that our '74 national players should be viewed as 'living legends' of our code.

We will remember this squad as being the first, and only to date, to represent Australia in World Cup Finals. 'Australia '74' are legends to our game and, as such, must forever be respected this way.

**Vince Raschilla.**
*President of Port Kembla Soccer Club.*

# SYDNEY OVERTAKEN?

Dear Sir,

I have been concerned recently that Soccer Australia has not yet confirmed any friendly internationals for the Socceroos before their vital World Cup qualifiers in November.

They should be playing at least once per month in this period, which would amount to around three or four matches.

The worrying thing here is that our Asian opponent will play twice as many matches as the Socceroos in this time, so every bit of preparation is important. I was quite annoyed that the team was not given the chance to play on August 20: a designated international day. What a perfect opportunity that was! I counted no less than a dozen teams available on that particular day, including the likes of England, Italy and Spain.

At least there are plenty more chances to organise games in the next three months. Future international days include September 6 or 10, October 11, and ideally (for Australia's preparation), November 11. It is imperative that Soccer Australia organise something for these dates, or we will have an under prepared national team. There will be no excuse for Soccer Australia if this occurs.

It would also be good if the home qualifier is played anywhere other than Sydney. They host all major internationals, while other cities, particularly Melbourne, host 'Mickey Mouse' games with low attendances.

Give the match to Brisbane or Perth, or if possible, in Melbourne at the MCG. Melburnians will only attend major events, so if it was at the MCG, I'm sure there would be at least 60,000 fans contributing to an unbelievable atmosphere, giving the Socceroos an even greater home advantage than the Sydney Football Stadium.

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**G Owen,**
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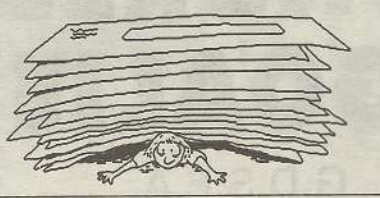

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Short letters of about 400 words will be given preference in this column.

*The opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper*

# Better at kicking

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about a match report which appeared in your August 19 issue. The writer implied that Leichhardt was the better team in the clash with Blacktown City. All I can say is that he was watching a different game from me!

Leichhardt were certainly better at kicking (other players, not the ball), punching (other players and the ball) and were generally outstanding at pushing, shoving and tripping. When they got the chance to play any football (mainly in the second half), Blacktown City far outclassed them in that department.

Two things won the game for Leichhardt: embarrassingly bad sportsmanship and a very weak referee, who should have sent several of Leichhardt's players from the field — not least the player who handballed in the penalty area.

If justice had been done, Blacktown would have had the game wrapped up in the allotted 90 minutes. Unfortunately Leichhardt grabbed the winner in extra time. A most undeserved win.

**Alison Daley (Mrs),**
**KELLYVILLE, NSW.**

*Editor's Note: The World Game is all about opinions. Two people can watch a match and see it in two different ways. The pitch was bumpy and this certainly led to the ball bouncing awkwardly at times.*

# OWENS FACES 12 MATCH BAN

***By PHIL MURPHY***

**Cringila suffered a double blow to their championship hopes during Saturday's premier league game against Northern Utd at Memorial Park.**

Not only did they go down 1-0 to Northern, they had in-form striker Zvonko Usljebrka sent from the field in the second half.

He received the red card from referee Dave Owens and will be charged with head-butting Northern sweeper Jason Wenig.

He faces a 12 week suspension.

The incident took place after the Cringila player shot for goal but missed. This was one of a number of spurned opportunities he had to contend with during his 67 minutes on the field.

He will appear before the ISA judiciary tomorrow night and faces a lengthy suspension. The player has already been sent from the field this season on the same charge and was outed for six games.

That would suggest he will be out for at least 12 games.

Cringila went into the game without goalkeeper David Zufic, who was injured working on his house on the morning of the game, and sweeper Peter Murray (suspended). Even so, they had plenty of chances to win the match.

Northern played with some style, particularly in the second half, and coach Phil Carr said some of the young players in his side had come of age.

"We have improved as the season had progressed and we must rate a fair chance of making the play-offs," Carr said.

Aaron O'Brien scored the only goal game of the game four minutes after half time.

He did well to connect with a cross from Declan Dowd and beat stand in keeper Peter Mitrevski with an angled shot.

Northern have now moved to sixth place and meet Balgownie and Bulli in their remaining two games.

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SUNDAY'S game between top teams Bulli and Lysaghts ended in a scoreless draw.

There was plenty of commitment from both teams with Bulli having more of the scoring chances. In the second half, Bulli's Damian Couter missed one of the easiest chances of the season. He was unmarked just three metres out but hit the woodwork.

Bulli always looked more likely to score and Lysaghts coach Phil Matias said after the game he was quite happy with a point.

However, that leaves his team three points behind Bulli with two games to go.

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DAPTO continued their good run to beat Fernhill 2-1 at Towradgi Park. All the goals were scored in the first half. Matt Borg and Bobby Brodie scoring for Dapto before Greg Yeoman replied from the penalty spot.

At Brandon Park, Wollongong Olympic and the Wollongong White Eagles battled out an entertaining 2-2 draw.

Manny Mavridis and George Mahandis found the net for Olympic with Danny Petkovic and Peter Maksovic replying for the Eagles.

Balgownie took advantage of a badly depleted Port Kembla to get home 4-2 at Wetherall Park. With three regular players suspended and two out injured, Port Kembla led 2-1 at half time but Balgownie had the better of the second half.

Darren Temple, Paul Demich, Jason Zacoro and John Tomasi scored for the visitors with Justyn Roberts and Paul Robaard getting Port Kembla's goals.

Bottom team West-Figtr have just two games in wh to come up with their first v after losing 3-1 at home Coniston.

Dean Gardiner (2) and D Merola found the net Coniston with Paul McGh replying for Figtree.

**Points:** Bulli 39, Lysag 36, Dapto 36, Cringila Wollongong Olympic Northern Utd 32, Port Kem 31, Fernhill 29, Coniston Wollongong White Eagles Balgownie 14, West-Figtree

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THE FINAL of the Bamp Cup will be played at Bran Park tomorrow nig Wollongong Olympic, who still involved in the race for league play offs, and Conis are expected to provide entertaining game.

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ONE OF the highlights of premier league season has b Cringila wing-back Ko Babington.

A product of the No junior nursery, Babington named man of the match a Cringila beat Port Kembla 4

He should be snapped u Wollongong City for a sea in their youth squad. He i and is a dead ringer for Wo Captain Matt Horsely whe was the same age.

# Media Attention Problem Solved?

Dear Sir,

After reading Henry Wizgier's letter, Aug 5 edition, I am more convinced than ever that the best way to get the attention of the local media in Australia is to somehow organise a series of matches against the British countries on a regular basis.

The time has now come when Australia can match it with the best football nations, thanks to our dozen's of foreign based players in Europe and elsewhere.

With the population of Australia being 75% of Anglo-Celtic background and nearly all, or 99% of the major media outlet's being run by same, what better time is there than now to try to lift and improve the image of the game in this country than by playing 'Mother England' regularl along with the other countrie as an entree?

Terry Venables, as well David Hill, should continue press hard for such a series an the first match should b played overseas, then, if th unthinkable should happen an Australia beat the Pom's o home soil, they might bu down the goal posts Wembley and put the ashes a new urn and possibly begin new era in sporting relatio between Britain and one of h former colonies.

This would surely be t best way of getting a lot media attention fro Australia's biased, one-ey reporter's!

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# NSW & QLD News

## EAGLES BOW OUT OF CUP

**By DANE SKAFTE**

**At Jack McLaughlan Oval, Edgeworth last Wednesday night, an under-strength Edgeworth Eagles First Division team were eliminated from the Waratah Cup by an enthusiastic Canberra Olympic 4-2**

The Eagles went into the match with only four regular first grade players, however, they opened the scoring in the 12th minute after Brad Miles scored from a Karl Freeman cross.

Canberra Olympic equalised in the 36th minute when captain Vic Fernandez slotted the ball past Edgeworth keeper Dean Conway, after a goal mouth scramble.

With the scores locked at 1-1, both sides come out after half time determined to prove a point. Edgeworth had a golden opportunity to take the lead in the 54th minute but a good save by keeper Angelo Kontantino denied the shot by striker Mark Lewis.

In the 61st minute Canberra took the lead after Vic Fernandez made no mistake with his header to beat Conway. Edgeworth equalised minutes later when an Olympic player handled in the area. Big Karl Freeman made no mistake from the spot.

With only fifteen minutes remaining in the match Canberra's Gabby Exposito blasted a ball from 30 metres out, giving the keeper no chance.

The brothers Fernandez were on hand to put the game out of Edgeworth's reach after Marcelo's shot was parried away by Conway, into the path of younger brother Vic, who slotted the ball into the net.

Canberra Olympic will now play Topper Breakers tomorrow night (Wednesday) at Jack McLaughlan Oval, at 7.00pm.

Canberra Olympic player/coach, Ray Junna, said: "We always expect a very tough game when we come to Newcastle.

"Edgeworth played well considering they had many first grade players out," he added.

"We had several players out with injuries but our young guns played well and we are all looking forward to playing the Breakers this week," he concluded.

Edgeworth coach Bobby Naumov was pleased with the way his team played, especially the U/18 players who gained valuable experience.

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THE National President of the Australian Soccer Referees, and Facilities Manager of the University of Newcastle Sports Union, Bill Jones, will once again be honoured with a special match played between two NSW University Representative teams.

The second annual "Bill Jones Challenge Shield" will be fought out tomorrow night (Wednesday) at 5.15pm. The game will be played as a curtain-raiser to the Newcastle Breakers Waratah Cup fixture against Canberra Olympic.

*Bill Jones: Has honour of Shield named after him.*

Mr Jones has spent a lifetime contributing to Australian Soccer, and recently, University sport. This match is fitting recognition to someone who has always pushed for the advancement of Soccer.

This year's game will be particularly special as Jones is set to retire from the University of Newcastle at the end of the year. Organiser Michael Kmet believes it is time that Australian Soccer referees are recognised for their contribution to the sport.

"The referees are often criticised for their on-pitch performance but over the years they have made an enormous contribution to Soccer," Kmet added.

The game will be a vital warm-up match for both universities as they fight for the Australian title, to be held in Melbourne in late September. Last year's challenge saw Newcastle overcome University of New South Wales 2-1.

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THIS year's NBN NNSW Grand Final will now be played at Jack McLaughlan Oval, Edgeworth. NNSW Operations Manager, Alan Nisbet, said they moved the Grand Final due to the re-turfing of the Topper Stadium as a consequence of the rugby league season.

"The ground will need several weeks to recover before the National League begins in October," he said.

The NBN Grand Final is scheduled for Sunday, September 14.

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THE Final series of the Topper Bill Turner Cup will be held next Monday and Tuesday (September 8 & 9) at Jack McLaughlan Oval, Edgeworth.

Two Semi Final matches will be played on Monday night. The first at 6pm is between Kerwan High, Townsville and Westfields Sports High, Sydney. At 7.30pm, Narrabeen High, Sydney will take on Kaleen High, from Canberra, in the Second Semi Final.

The winning schools will take part in the Grand Final on Tuesday night, September 9 at 7.30pm. This game will be preceded at 6.00pm by the third and fourth play-offs.

The victorious side will be presented with the Bill Turner Cup, which is sponsored for the first time this year by Topper Sportswear. The Finalist will be presented with the Terry Hampton Shield.

## BACK TO BACK GRAND FINAL WINS FOR CITY

**By GLENN DAVIS**

**Coach Bobby Hamilton achieved a personal milestone when Brisbane City completed the XXXX League Premiership Grand Final double with a thrilling 2-0 win over Taringa Rovers at Perry Park on Saturday night.**

As well as achieving the double for Brisbane City, Hamilton added another achievement earlier in the week when he was named Coach of the Year at the Clem Jones Gold Medal award night.

Former Brisbane Strikers player, Steve Jackson, won the Gold Medal, after a stand-out season with beaten semi-finalists Brisbane Lions.

Hamilton, who had his share of run-ins with officialdom in recent years, has won the Premiership twice before, with Brisbane City and Pine Rivers, however, until this year the Grand Final had eluded him.

"I had a feeling we would win the Grand Final, but I still feel winning the Premiership is the better honour," Hamilton said.

"The difference this year is that the guys knew that to be recognised as the best team they really had to win the Grand Final."

Brisbane City praised Taringa for playing attractive football and believed both sides were fully committed, which helped provide one of the best finals series for many years.

Brisbane City opened the scoring in the 37th minute when Man of the Match, Shane Haddow, won an aerial challenge with Taringa keeper Scott Higgins before tucking the ball into the net.

Haddow was subsequently booked by referee Mark Shields for his over exuberant gesture to the Taringa supporters.

Ironically, the goal came after Taringa missed two easy chances themselves through classy young striker Glen Kolpak and Des Hughes.

The first came after only 13 minutes when a cross from midfielder Brad Ditton fell for Kolpak, whose header looped onto the crossbar.

Seven minutes later Hughes missed one of the easiest chances of the season.

A Kolpak shot thundered into the upright and landed at Hughes' feet only metres off a deserted goal line, yet somehow his attempt rose over the crossbar.

Taringa knew they had their 'backs to the wall' a minute before the interval when young striker, Royce Brownlie, broke clear down the right and rounded Taringa sweeper Dimitri Theochari to slot home from an acute angle.

Rovers' coach, John Ogden, was forced to shuffle his team around at half time, when experienced defender Stein Grodum failed to return for the second half due to a corked thigh.

Talented midfielder, Darren Hillier, came on and added some spark to the Taringa midfield, with youngster Danny Invincible dropping back to cover for Grodum, and they could have pegged the difference back six minutes after the break, but striker Ian Hutchinson rifled a shot over the bar.

Taringa coach, John Ogden, blamed two costly defensive errors for conceding the two goals but refused to single out his defence for their defeat.

"We made two costly mistakes when our keeper Scott Higgins made a blunder and then Joel Hale dived in which let Brownlie in to score," Ogden said.

"We had our chances to score before they did and should have been two up.

"The simple fact is they took their two chances and we missed ours."

While the season is over for Brisbane City, Taringa still has a chance of grabbing some silverware when they meet Far North Queensland in the Queensland Cup Semi-Final in Mareeba, near Cairns, next Saturday night.


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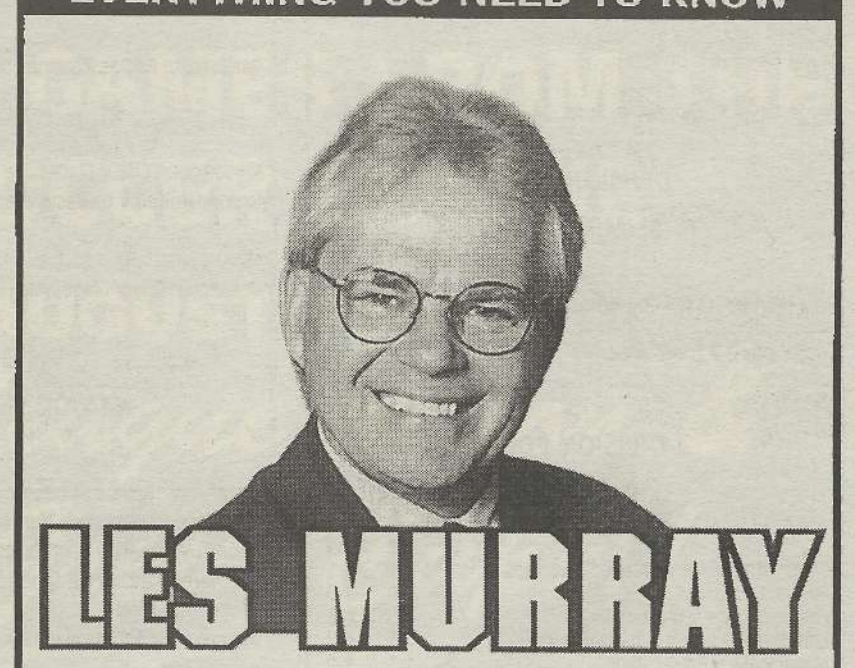

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# NSW Soccer Federation ...

## SUPER LEAGUE

### GRAND FINALS

| | 1st | U/21 | U/18 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Parra Eagles v Bonnyrigg White Eagles | 3-1 | - | - |
| Parramatta Eagles v Macarthur Rams | - | 3-0 | - |
| Parramatta Eagles v Blacktown City | - | - | 2-1 AET |

### DIVISION ONE

| | 1st | U/21 | U/18 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eastern Suburbs v Stanmore Hawks | 0-1 | - | - |
| Ryde City v Hills United | - | 0-0 5-3 (pens) | - |
| Ryde City v Rockdale City Suns | - | - | 4-0 |

### DIVISION THREE

#### PRELIMINARY FINAL

| | 1st | 2nd |
|---|---|---|
| The Wanderers v Glebe Wanderers | 0-0 4-5 pens | - |
| Trasandinos v The Wanderers | - | 1-0 |

### DIVISION FOUR

#### ROUND 26

| | 1st | 2nd |
|---|---|---|
| Maroubra United v Earlwood Hermes | 2-1 | 3-1 |
| Balmain v Mascot Kings | 5-0 | 2-0 |
| Fairfield Kings v United Eagles | 0-5 | 0-3 |
| Lithgow Workmen v Springwood | 0-3 | 0-2 |
| Marrickville v Fraser Park | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| CSI Schofields v Sydney Uni | 4-1 | 0-2 |
| St Josephs v Angels Liverpool | 6-4 | 0-3 |

#### FIRST

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maroubra United | 26 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 102 | 28 | 66 |
| Sydney University | 26 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 105 | 25 | 58 |
| Fraser Park | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 89 | 34 | 55 |
| CSI Schofields | 26 | 17 | 2 | 7 | 74 | 38 | 53 |
| Marrickville | 26 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 58 | 35 | 53 |
| Earlwood Hermes | 26 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 43 | 27 | 43 |
| Mascot Kings | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 74 | 54 | 37 |
| United Eagles | 26 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 40 | 57 | 33 |
| St Josephs | 26 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 47 | 70 | 30 |
| Balmain | 26 | 8 | 3 | 15 | 53 | 65 | 27 |
| Springwood | 26 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 38 | 62 | 25 |
| Lithgow Workmen | 25 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 43 | 67 | 23 |
| Angels Liverpool United | 25 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 36 | 103 | 8 |
| Fairfield Kings | 26 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 27 | 164 | 3 |

### DIVISION FIVE

#### ROUND 26

| | 1st | 2nd |
|---|---|---|
| Blacktown Premier v Fairfield Eagles | 0-5 | 14-0 |
| AC Sydney v Bossy | 0-3 | 0-3 |
| Canterbury Bullets v Camden Tigers | 1-0 | 3-3 |
| Holy Cross v Kosciusko | 4-0 | 5-2 |
| Sporting SCC v Nepean District | 1-10 | 1-4 |
| Auburn Star v Homenetmen | 0-3 | 7-0 |
| Racing v AVA United | 1-2 | 2-1 |

#### FIRST

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Camden Tigers | 26 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 77 | 33 | 62 |
| Holy Cross College | 26 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 72 | 33 | 58 |
| Nepean District | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 68 | 21 | 56 |
| Bossy | 26 | 16 | 3 | 7 | 69 | 33 | 51 |
| Fairfield Eagles | 26 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 51 | 38 | 40 |
| Blacktown Premier | 26 | 12 | 3 | 11 | 40 | 42 | 39 |
| Canterbury Bullets | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 46 | 43 | 37 |
| AC Sydney | 26 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 49 | 61 | 33 |
| Homenetmen | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 43 | 65 | 33 |
| Racing | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 54 | 27 |
| Sporting SCC | 26 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 31 | 57 | 22 |
| Kosciusko | 26 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 45 | 55 | 19 |
| Auburn Star | 26 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 31 | 72 | 17 |
| AVA United | 26 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 24 | 75 | 14 |

## Women's

### DIVISION ONE

### GRAND FINALS

| | 1st | 2nd |
|---|---|---|
| NSW ITC v Marconi Fairfield | 0-3 | - |
| Sutherland Shire v NSW Academy | - | 1-2 |

### DIVISION TWO

| | 1st |
|---|---|
| Shoalhaven Association v St George | 0-1 |

## Super Youth League

### MAJOR SEMI FINAL

| | G/13 | G/14 | G/15 | G/16 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney Olympic v Sutherland Shire | 1-2 | - | - | - |
| Sydney Olympic v Parramatta Eagles | - | 2-1 | - | - |
| Blacktown City v Sydney Olympic | - | - | 0-0 4-2 (pens) | - |
| Parramatta Eagles v Sydney Olympic | - | - | - | 2-1 |

### MINOR SEMI FINAL

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wollongong City v Gladesville Hornsby | 1-2 | - | - | - |
| Sydney United v Gladesville Hornsby | - | 0-0 4-5 (pens) | - | - |
| Marconi Fairfield v Southern Districts | - | - | 1-3 | - |
| Blacktown City v Gladesville Hornsby | - | - | - | 1-2 |

### DIVISION ONE

### MAJOR SEMI FINAL

| | G/13 | G/14 | G/15 | G/16 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leichhardt Tigers v St George | 2-0 | - | - | - |
| AC United v Leichhardt Tigers | - | 2-1 | - | - |
| Penrith Panthers v Leichhardt Tigers | - | - | 0-1 | - |
| Southern Branch v CSI Schofields | - | - | - | 2-1 |
| Minor Semi Final | | | | |
| Blacktown Association v Bankstown Association | | | 1-0 | - |
| - | - | | | |
| St George v Eastern Suburbs | - | 2-0 | - | - |
| AC United v Bankstown Association | - | - | 0-1 | - |
| Rockdale City Suns v Leichhardt Tigers | - | - | - | 1-2 |

### DIVISION TWO

### PRELIMINARY FINAL

| | G/13 | G/14 | G/15 | G/16 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parramatta City v Ryde City | 0-2 | - | - | - |
| Canterbury Association v Ryde City | - | 1-2 | - | - |
| Stanmore Hawks v Ryde City | - | -2-4 (pens) | | - |
| Mt Pritchard v Ryde City | - | - | - | 0-1 |

# Grand Final Interviews

**By JOHN ECONOMOS**

**Dougie Utjesenovic, Parramatta's coach and former World Cup defender, was placid as he quietly analysed his team's Grand Final victory, electing to state: "We should have scored more goals in the second session as they (Bonnyrigg) started to look a little tired. It was really nice to set a historic record for our club in a match where our midfielders dominated, but the team as a whole sacrificed its all just for the club, for its very hard working administrators and the very loyal supporters.**

"I believe the turning point of the match was our early goal that put us all on the right track. This was a telling point as we planned to score in the first 10 minutes to give us a psychological advantage to an extent.

"Bonnyrigg has never beaten us this season as we have met four times for three wins plus a draw. And even in that draw they led 2-0 before we were able to haul them in to 2-2.

"Despite all these wonderful Grand Final successes in all our three grades, our entire squads, committee and supporters still very strong feel bitter that our club was thrown out of the National League.

"I'm very proud of all our lower grades which contain lots of talent that now is coming through," ended Utjesenovic before joining his large band of loyal supporters.

Parramatta's reliable central marker, Mark Revely, was overjoyed in the dressing rooms: "We totally dominated I felt and they never could get into the game after our early goal. I believe we were the best team all season, and we have always had most solid support from our well organised committee.

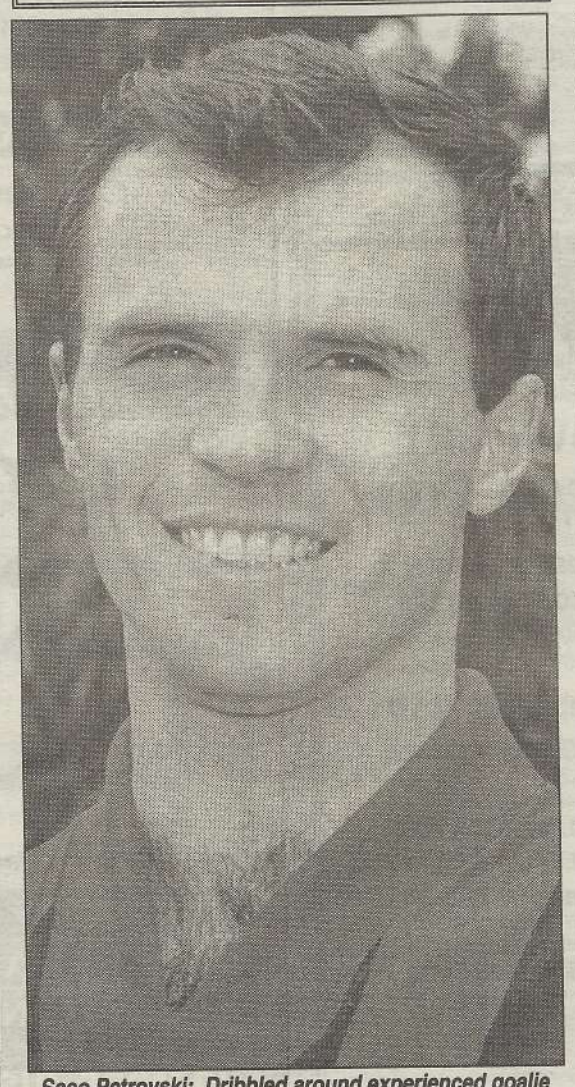
"I must pay tribute to our younger players such as defenders Sasha Utjesenovic and David Huxley, midfielder Malcolm Meilak plus our two strikers Saso Petrovski and Steve Karavatakis, who were all excellent.

Meanwhile Bonnyrigg's astute coach, John Turner, exhibited professional honesty and respect when he stated to ABSW: "They simply were much superior to us and with that very early goal it set us back. When it became 2-1 I thought we were back in the game, but they scuttled us when seconds before half time they again scored to make it 3-1.

"We now have to stay together and build a little more from here.

"Look where Bonnyrigg was last year and look now. Players now really want to come here and play for the club. At the beginning of the season we would have been pleased just to get into the Grand Final as we never really dreamed we would at that stage.

"Our Committee has worked very hard and now has the 'Bonnyrigg house' in order off the park as well as on it. They are a very well organised team."



*Saso Petrovski: Dribbled around experienced goalie to score second goal.*

*Steve Karavitakis: Eagles striker praised by the coach.*

## TOP OF THE TABLE

# NSW Soccer Federation

## LAST MINUTE WINNER IN FIRST DIVISION

*By PAUL GOODWIN*

The big crowd of Stanmore supporters enjoyed the moment when their side captured the First Division Grand Final prize at The Gabbie against the more highly rated Eastern Suburbs. The win came courtesy of a goal in the dying seconds from one of their favourite sons: Con Anagnostopoulos.

Easts were beaten after a defiant display when the player they call 'Alpha' found the bottom left corner of the net from an indirect free kick.

It was a glorious moment as they had seen chances go repeatedly without reward and the game appeared certain to move into extra time.

Moments before the goal, from a similar free kick opportunity, skipper Eddie Briscoe had fired a shot straight at Easts' keeper, but with no luck.

Stanmore relied heavily on both Briscoe and Anagnostopoulos and rightly so as both were always in the thick of the action and fully capable of striking the winning blow.

Easts seemed content to play a game of containment and had the strategy of taking their opponents by surprise with swift and unexpected counter-attacking moves.

Their keeper, Bihari, was always busy, though sometimes his cause was aided by poorly directed shots from the Hawks' front runners.

Eastern Suburbs had their moments, it cannot be denied, with Hawks' goalie Paul Kyprianou needing to be at his best to deny them several times.

Easts created the first real chance of the game in the eighth minute when the nippy Peter Pullicino's cross from the right deflected off a defender's legs in to the path of big striker Steve Lawrence – his shot fully testing the keeper.

A huge clearance upfield by Kyprianou in the 13th saw 'Alpha' advance down the left and send over a deep cross for Briscoe on the far post, who was faced with Bihari trying to cover all the options.

Briscoe tried to send the keeper the wrong way but instead he put the ball wide of the right post: it was a glorious opportunity wasted.

Bihari was also fully stretched to push a shot around the post in the 34th after 'Alpha' had received good service from Briscoe.

Pullicino almost got Easts off the mark in the 45th when his shot hit the left post and went out.

Easts had other opportunities as well with Pullicino, Gerry Gomez and Mick Daniels figuring strongly.

The best effort was a long range shot from Grant Lee, which was touched over the angle of the upright by the Stanmore keeper in the 85th.

Substitutes Patrick Darvill and Kevin Watson also combined well with the latter's strong drive being well claimed by the alert Kyprianou.

The hard work of Briscoe, who came deep, repeatedly to play a full captain's role, and wide running by most of his team mates was a good foil to Easts' profitable use of the central areas of the field. This was an area they patrolled with confidence.

There was never going to be more than a goal in it, judging by the tight defence of Easts and constant turnovers of possession by both sides.

Easts undoubtedly missed their suspended speedy flanker Gary Spivac, while Stanmore managed well without their midfield dynamo Burim Zajmi who was, justifiably, not forgotten at the medal presentation ceremony.

Stanmore had to survive a torrid last thirty seconds, after scoring the winner, with their opponents laying siege to the goal with a ferocious bombardment.

Kyprianou and his fellow defenders get their bodies in the way of a succession of shots before referee Con Diomis called it a day.

In summary, Stanmore needed to win every game after scraping through in fifth spot and in doing so beat sides such as Minotaurs and Easts (who they could not topple during the premiership season).

It was a triumph for their coach, John Sentas, in his first season at this level.

It was especially sweet for Sentas and Anagnostopoulos who had both tasted disappointment as coach and player respectively in the 1996 Second Division Grand Final with Alexandria – going down 1-0 to Greystanes.

Full marks to them and they will now move on to the Waratah Cup where Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, if not UTS Olympic, are in for a difficult game.

**Stanmore:** Kyprianou, Maglis (Cacciola 68), Kambounias, Percy, Katsaros, Willard, Lardis, Oldridge, Andricopoulos, Briscoe, Anagnostopoulos.

**Eastern Suburbs:** Bihari, Pullicino, Gomez, Mikoutsky, Dihn, Jerkovic, Sharpley, McCombe (Watson 65), Daniels, Lawrence (Darville 74), Lee.

***Referee:*** Con Diomis.

### GRAND FINAL – UNDER 21

*There was plenty of action, but no goals when these old rivals met at The Gabbie on Saturday.*

*Ryde looked the part in the first half, but managed to squander a string of good chances, while Hills battled away and caused a few ripples of their own.*

*In the fifth minute, Goodwin was late to catch sight of a fierce Nils Johnsson shot, just palming the ball away at the last moment.*

*He also blocked a 28th minute shot from the lively Tim Gledhill, who had worked his way into the six yard area on the left and looked certain to score. Gledhill had already burst through in the 15th minute to angle his shot just over the upright.*

*In the shoot-out stage Gledhill, Thomas, Dixon, Stratford and Duval were all on target for Ryde. Hills' first three takers also made their mark.*

*Hills' skipper Steve Vanegas was the only left footed penalty taker, and his effort was well read by Ryde goalie Anthony Philp who dived to his right to smother the shot and win the game for his side.*

**RYDE CITY GUNNERS 0 HILLS UNITED 0**
***(AET: 5-3 PENS)***

## PARRAMATTA FLY HIGH IN RECORD WIN

*By JOHN ECONOMOS*

**Last Sunday Parramatta Eagles completed the magic 'double' by taking out the NSW Super League Grand Final, defeating a gallant Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3-1 at the Marconi Stadium.**

The high flying Eagles at the same time embossed the club's name in the record books with a feat that could last for many years.

Since 1957, when the Australian Soccer Federation was formed, no club, in any state, has ever won the Minor Championship in all three grades, then gone ahead to win the Grand Final in all three grades — yet this is exactly what Parramatta Eagles achieved last Sunday.

Three splendid first half goals insured that the title of 'NSW Super League Champions' would be locked up for a year at the Melita Stadium.

This great victory topped off Parramatta's marvellous and historic day as their Under/18s defeated Blacktown City 2-1, thanks to a 'Golden Goal'.

Meanwhile Eagles' Youth team accounted for Macarthur Rams 3-0 — a spectacular hat-trick by the talented Adam Anderson giving them victory.

The first team, clinically coached by Australia's 1974 World Cup defender Dougie Utjesenovic, saw Parramatta Eagles play a modern style of free flowing, passing and support Soccer, with both full backs scoring goals.

And Bonnyrigg were also saved three times by the woodwork.

Elegant defender, Sasha Utjesenovic (son of coach Doug), drew first blood after just two minutes.

A corner slung from the left by skilled playmaker, Gabriel Mendez, was headed out to the edge of the box. Parramatta striker, Saso Petrovski, laid it back to a charging Utjesenovic who slammed a first time low drive inside the post, giving Mike Gibson no chance. Such an early set back proved a telling blow for Bonnyrigg, and they struggled to recover.

In the 25th minute Utjesenovic again was on the scene. He quickly fired a long ball up front to the League's ace goalscorer, Steve Karavatakis, who beat his marker and relayed on to his fellow striker Petrovski, who calmly dribbled around goalkeeper Mike Gibson to crack into the target from a sharp angle for 2-0.

Two minutes later the mobile Eagles almost trebled the scoreline but central midfielder Nikolic's 16 metre drive ricocheted off the left post.

Still groggy from Parramatta's early onslaught, Bonnyrigg gallantly refused to buckle, and in the 31st minute threatened when left back Graham Watton raced through, cut back off the byline to the well positioned striker Stefan Janic, however his effort easily flew straight into the gloves of Jason Holmes.

Just when all seemed to be going wrong for Bonnyrigg, and with four minutes left to the break, they pulled back a crucial goal.

Left midfielder, Johnny Ghisso, crossed into the box and this time Janic was spot on by side-footing with his left boot into the bottom corner.

This perfectly timed goal seemed to infuriate Parramatta who punished Bonnyrigg with a third goal just 60 seconds before the break, effectively killing the game and cementing the title.

A 45 metre diagonal-cross-field ball, switched by midfielder Mendez, found attacking left back Stephane Jee racing through on the right flank to get on the end of it and nail the target.

Despite the second session ending scoreless, Parramatta did continue to dominate, but failed to convert chances, knowing that Bonnyrigg had surrendered the battle.

In the early minutes of the second half it appeared that Bonnyrigg was going to make a fight of it, but Parramatta's experienced central markers of George Souris and Mark Reveley stood defiant, while tenacious 'screener' David Huxley aided well in galvanising the defence.

Parramatta again struck through left midfielder Malcolm Meilak, who twice rocked the horizontal, however it was all over by then and Parramatta had gained an historic victory.

Best performers for the 'Champions' were Souris (the skipper), Jee, Utjesenovic and Mendez.

For Bonnyrigg Johnny Ghisso and defender Pat Agius never stopped fighting for the brave White Eagles.

**Parramatta:** Holmes: S. Utjesenovic, Reveley, Huxley, G. Souris, Jee: Mendez, Nikolic (Harding 72), Meilak: Karavatakis, Petrovski.
**Bonnyrigg:** Gibson: Gajic (Sacco 68), Van Egmond (Novakovic 84), Agius, Warburton, Watton: Dee, Richardson, Ghisso: Janic, Savic (Crowden 50).
***SCORERS:***
**PARRAMATTA:** Utjesenovic (2), Petrovski (25), Jee (44)
**BONNYRIGG:** Janic (41)
***Referee:*** S.Micallef
***Crowd:*** 6,800.

## SUPER LEAGUE

### 1997 WARATAH CUP

**RD 6 GAME 1 – Wednesday September 3**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney United | v | Bankstown City Lions | Melita Stadium – 8.15pm |
| Mt Pritchard | v | Bonnyrigg White Eagles | Marconi Stadium – 6.30pm |
| Marconi | v | Blacktown City | Marconi Stadium – 8.15pm |
| ACT Soccer Fed/NNSW Soccer Fed | v | Newcastle Breakers | Edgeworth – 7.30pm |
| Wollongong City | v | Central Coast | Pluim Park – 7.30pm |
| Hurstville City Minotaurs | v | University of NSW | Melita Stadium – 6.30pm |
| UTS Olympic | v | Canterbury Marrickville | St George Stadium – 8.15pm |
| Canberra Cosmos | v | Stanmore Hawks | St George Stadium – 6.30pm |

**RD 6 GAME 2 – Sunday September 7**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney United | v | Mt Pritchard | Melita Stadium – 4.00pm |
| Bankstown City Lions | v | Bonnyrigg White Eagles | Serbian Centre – 2.00pm |
| Marconi | v | ACT Soccer Fed/NNSW Soccer Fed | FRI 12 TBA – |
| Blacktown City | v | Newcastle Breakers | Gabbie Stadium – 3.00pm |
| Wollongong City | v | Hurstville City Minotaurs | Serbian Centre – 4.00pm |
| Central Coast | v | University of NSW | Melita Stadium – 2.00pm |
| UTS Olympic | v | Canberra Cosmos | St George Stadium – 4.00pm |
| Canterbury Marrickville | v | Stanmore Hawks | St George Stadium – 2.00pm |

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## NSW QUARTER FINAL THRILLER

**Weston Park, Goonellabah was the scene for arguably one of the most exciting Topper Bill Turner Cup fixtures ever.**

It took a penalty shoot-out to decide the victor in this quarter-final.

Westfields Sports High School won this great encounter with Kadina High from Lismore which had an animated crowd of over 500 enraptured.

There appeared to be a dramatic event every couple of minutes with both sides sharing the highs and lows.

Kadina missed an early chance when an open goal went begging. Shortly after Tim Sheridan was on the spot to send the home side on its way, a lead they held until half-time.

The second half saw Westfields open up with speedy attacks from both flanks and but for some timely saves by the Kadina keeper they could have wrapped up the match there and then.

In a three minute period, Westfields caught the Kadina backs asleep as they struck twice.

Kadina realised they had let the game slip and came back with plenty of pressure. To their credit, Westfields did not go into defensive mode but attacked in like manner.

An enormous roar went up when Tim Sheridan scored his second goal to bring the game back to 2-2.

Both sides had at least four chances to win the match but it ended all square. It was 'Golden Goal' time, and the removal of three players from each side did not alter the scoreline.

And so to the dreaded penalty shootout, Westfields triumphant 4-3.

It was a game that will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate to be there. Congratulations to both teams.

Westfields 2 (4-3 pens AET) defeated Kadina 2 played at Weston Park, Goonellabah Far North Coast, NSW. Referee: Mr P. Bartolo.

*Insert: Action from 1996 Semi Final, Nudgee College, Brisbane (stripes) versus Holycross, Ryde, NSW.*

*Bill Turner (L) congratulates "Star Player of the Year" for 1996 Alan Lo Proto of Patrician Bros Fairfield.*

## Class tells in the end

**Toowoomba's Centenary Heights found the step up in class far too difficult in the second Topper Bill Turner Cup Queensland semi final, going down 0-12 to the finely tuned Palm Beach-Currumbin High.**

Despite a number of their players being compelled to play club matches earlier in the day, the Gold Coast boys oozed class right from the kick-off. They posted their first goal in the opening minute, three more followed by half-time.

The floodgates really opened in the second half with Lee Hearsay scoring a double hat-trick.

In a side with many top players, Hearsay, Daniel Dreger and Peter Stevenson stood out. Although outclassed on the night Scott Millett, Ben Cameron and goalkeeper Aaron McMillan played well. McMillan actually made four spectacular saves which drew generous applause from the crowd.

PALM BEACH-CURRUMBIN S.H.S. 12 (Lee Hearsay 6, Clint Hilton, Levi Hilton, Daniel Dreger, Peter Stevenson, Nathan Blundell, Own goal) defeated Centenary Heights, S.H.S. Toowoomba 0. Played at Chris Green Park, Beenleigh. Referee: Mr D. Ogston.

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**BILL TURNER CUP**

**FINALS**

JACK MCLAUGHLIN SOCCER FIELD — EDGEWORTH (SUBURB OF LAKE MACQUARIE)

**Semi Finals Monday September 8**

6pm — KIRWAN (T'ville) v WESTFIELDS (Syd)

7.30pm — KALEEN (Can) v NARRABEEN (Syd)

**Finals Tuesday September 9**

7.30pm — WINNERS OF SEMI FINALS

*preceeded at 6pm by play off for third and fourth*

## KEEPER NAMED TOP PLAYER

*By ROY HAY*

**It is not very often that a goalkeeper is named Player of the Tournament, but Victoria's Tony Cizmadija won that honour at the recent Australian Secondary Schools Championship in Adelaide.**

The seventeen-year-old keeper, who plays for Bulleen in the Victorian Premier League as understudy to former Socceroo Jeff Olver, conceded only two goals in four games at the Championships and was instrumental in Victoria recording back to back victories. He was one of seven Victorians selected for the Schoolboys team.

They say that goalkeepers develop late, but Australia has produced a string of top class young keepers in recent years including Mark Bosnich, John Filan, Zeljko Kalac, Mark Schwarzer and the Petkovic brothers.

Cizmadija began his career at Baxter Soccer Club in the Under 7 team and eventually made the Victorian Under-12 Development Squad which has been responsible for many fine talents. While with Chelsea in the Victorian Youth League he was selected for the Victorian Under 16 team. He then played in the National Youth League for Melbourne Knights in 1995-6 before returning to Chelsea as senior keeper.

A good physique, quick reflexes and good concentration are the hallmarks of his game and he is brave without being as crazy as some goalkeepers are said to be.

The Australian Schoolboys will have a training camp in Sydney before going to New Zealand to play in the Trans Tasman Cup. They then visit Chile, Uruguay and Brazil between 26 November and 23 December. "Once I come back from South America I will decide on what to do next", Tony said. "Bogdan Bonk, my coach at Bulleen, is very happy with me and wants me to progress to the senior squad. Than if all goes well I hope to make the National League and perhaps go overseas."

**QUEENSLAND AREA FINALS**

**AREA 1**

KIRWAN .....5
MACKAY NTH .....1

**AREA 2**

BRIS GRAMMAR .....3
MTN CREEK.....2

**AREA 3**

CENT HGHTS .....2
ROSEWOOD .....0

**AREA 4**

PALM BEACH-C'RUMBIN.....5
CAVENDISH RD .....0

## QLD FINAL LIVES UP TO EXPECTATIONS

**Kirwan State High from Townsville, took another step forward in the Topper Bill Turner Cup competition when they won the Queensland Final 1-0 over Palm Beach-Currumbin S.H.S.**

Kirwan now travels to Edgeworth Eagles Soccer Ground Lake Macquarie, September 8 and 9, to contest the national deciders with Westfields, and Narrabeen both from Sydney and Kaleen from Canberra.

Last year, Kirwan, in their first entry into the Cup, finished third in the Queensland Play Offs.

Six members of that side were still within the age limit and made the trip to the Beenleigh ground.

The only goal of the match came when a powerful drive by Chris Marks of Kirwan, was deflected into the top of the net

Both teams had further chances but good goalkeeping, sound defence and a couple of unexpected misses kept the score unchanged.

In defence of PBC coach, Sam Wiseman by full time his squad was down to only twelve players. Two were carrying injuries from a previous game, another aggravated an injury, while another took the field feeling quite unwell. They fought courageously despite all this.

KIRWAN S.H.S. TOWNSVILLE 1 defeated PALM BEACH-CURRUMBIN 0. Played at Chris Green Soccer Ground, Beenleigh. Referee: Mr D. Ogston.

Kirwan now joins Westfields, Narrabeen and Kaleen for the National Semi finals on Monday night September 8 at the Jack McLauchlan Field, Edgeworth Eagles Soccer Club.

## KIRWAN... go one better

**Kirwan State High went one better this year when they won through to the Queensland final of the Topper Bill Turner Cup by defeating Brisbane Grammar 2-0 at the Beenleigh Soccer Ground.**

Last year they lost in a semi-final match against Nudgee College following a 22 hour bus journey from Townsville.

The two sides were evenly matched and a number of good judges were suggesting that one goal could seal the result. They were almost right.

Both sides attacked relentlessly throughout the game but they both possessed excellent defences to nullify the goalward raids.

Half-time came without a score and both teams were soundly applauded for their efforts.

In the sixth minute of the second half, Reuben Thaiday ran on to a beautiful through ball, outpaced two markers and slotted home a breathtaking goal for Kirwan.

Brisbane Grammar bounced back with gritty determination and two of their shots hit the crossbar with goalkeeper Kieran Rowland breathing sighs of relief.

Then once again the quick through ball found Chris Marks in position to slip around the Grammar defence giving Josh Walker little chance to save.

Kirwan had little trouble in holding out for the remaining five minutes. Lee Mayberry, Thaiday and Marks caught the eye for Kirwan while Andrew Imrie, Adam Bennett and Tim Kelly impressed for Brisbane Grammar.

Kirwan S.H.S. 2 (Marks, Thaiday) defeated Brisbane Grammar 0. Played at Chris Green Park, Beenleigh. Referee: Mr C. Pulvirenti.

## Qld: Play off

**In an entertaining Third Place Playoff, Brisbane Grammar scored six goals without reply against Centenary Heights.**

Grammar dominated the game until the last ten minutes and then a complete change came over the match. Centenary Heights suddenly took over and peppered Grammar's goal. Many in the crowd were urging Centenary to score and they were unlucky not to oblige.

Adam Imrie stood out for Brisbane Grammar along with Alex Dignam, Adam Bennett and Cyrus Engineer. Aaron McMillan, Ben Cameron, Scott Millet and Glen Romeo played well for Centenary Heights.

BRISBANE GRAMMAR 6 (Dignam3, Paul Tucker, Tom Coughlin, own goal) defeated Centenary Heights 0. Referee: Mr C. Pulvirenti.

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— By GRAHAM COOKE

## Coaches angered by Suggestion

**Soccer Canberra's ultimate game of the 1997 season is played out on Sunday with the Premier League grand final, but debate is already raging over the format of next year's competition.**

And if initial comments from the contending parties are anything to go by, this is a contest which will be just as hard fought as anything seen on the field over the last six months.

At issue is the long standing three-grade format of the Premier League, with U/19s kicking off at 11am, open reserves at 1pm and first grade at 3pm. To be premier members, clubs must field in all grades.

Dissatisfaction with the arrangement has simmered in some quarters for years and this season an ACT Senior League working party has been considering other possibilities.

The recommendation to be put to clubs is for two divisions — open and U/23, with a number of over-age players, probably four, being allowed.

Senior League chairman, Joe Fusca, says a reduction in grades is needed because some clubs simply do not have the man power to cope with present arrangements.

He points out that with the voluntary ACT State League Youth Grade kicking off at 9am "some people are dressing grounds at 8am, and are still there to take down the nets at 5pm".

"You only have to take into account Canberra's bitterly cold winters, and you can see enthusiasm will flag in even the most committed these days," he said.

"Times are changing, and we do not have the fund of volunteers who will do this work. The burden is falling on fewer shoulders.

"Two grades, with kick-offs at noon and 2pm, give people a reasonable afternoon of football, while still allowing them to get home before dusk."

Under the recommendation the youth grade will become voluntary and probably switch to Saturday.

One senior club official said he rejected the proposals, describing them as a cop-out for those clubs which do not have proper youth development programs.

"A voluntary youth grade will never work," he said. "People will start off by saying 'yes we will support it' but the moment the slightest problem arises they will pull out.

"Under current rules they know they cannot walk away from youth football without losing premier status, so they darn well go out and do it.

"Who is going to develop local talent if it is not the premier clubs? Belonging to this league has its responsibilities as well as its privileges."

The official said an U/23 competition is pointless. "If players have not reached premier status by their early 20s they are never going to make it," he said.

One of the arguments against the current reserve grade is that it contains dead wood, with examples of some players who have completed there for a decade without making the jump to firsts.

However, it has been remarkably resilient in the face of attempts to axe it. The closest was a few years ago when it was swapped with the youth and became the 11am competition. Even that modest experiment was curtailed, one reason being older reserve players were more likely than the youth to stay and watch the firsts, and spend money at the canteen.

Given that record, the debate over the current proposals is likely to be lengthy and acrimonious.

## LEMEZINA FINAL GAME?

**The decision on whether Tony Lemezina makes an appearance for Capital City Suns in the ACT State League Grand Final on Sunday will rest with negotiations between that club and the Novell Canberra Cosmos.**

Lemezina, who topped the league's goal scoring charts with 26, despite playing little more than half the season for the Suns, said he had told coach Bill Dojcinoski the matter will have to be sorted out with Cosmos team boss Branko Culina.

"Of course I would like to play, having helped the Suns get this far, but I also have to think of the summer season and my place in the Ericsson Cup," Lemezina said.

"Branko has made it quite clear that he wants players to concentrate on the Cosmos' pre-season build up, and does not want them distracted by finals games in the ACT League.

"Essentially, it's for the two clubs to sort out. I don't want to get involved."

The 29 year old striker, whose career began with a handful of appearances for Canberra City Olympians at the tail end of the ACT's first period in the national league, says he has enjoyed his spell with the Suns. "It was a good way of keeping fit for the Cosmos, I'm in better shape now than I have been for a few years at this stage of the season," he said.

"If the Suns want to go up to the Premier League next season and be competitive, they will need four or five new players. Billy knows this and is already on the look-out.

"There's a great will to win about the club. The people there know the requirements of the Premier League and if it means getting a youth team and building up a pretty dreadful reserve team, then they'll do it."

As for the Cosmos: "I had four or five full games last season and another seven coming off the bench. I managed four goals.

"Obviously I want to do better than that, and the first thing I have do is show Branko I'm worthy of a regular place in the starting line-up."

## NOVELL COSMOS COACHING YOUNGSTERS

*Dates for the diary:*

**The Novell Canberra Cosmos school holiday coaching clinics for kids will be run at the Latham playing fields from September 29 to October 3 and from October 6 to 10.**

In charge will be former Socceroo Adrian Alston, with Cosmos coach Branko Culina available for specialised assistance. The cost is $110 for one five-day clinic, with discounts of $20 for additional children in the same family.

The clinics are mostly aimed at primary and high school age children. Further information can be obtained from Bruce Campbell on 062 81 7981 at the Cosmos office, or on 062 99 2175 after hours.

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THE ninth ACT Veterans Shield will be held at the Australian Institute of Sport on September 27 and 28, says organiser Jock Coulter.

Run by the Tuggeranong United club, the popular tournament has already attracted 10 teams, including two from Sydney and one from Wagga. Competition is restricted to players 35 and over.

"It just seems to grow in popularity year after year," Coulter said. "This time we have attracted sponsorship from Project Coordination ACT and radio station 2SSS."

Further information can be contained by ringing Coulter on 062 318 107.

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REGISTRATIONS for the ACT Futsal summer competitions close on September 9 at two venues — the new Tuggeranong Indoor Sports Centre and Daramalan College.

Organiser Nunzio Rinaudo says the kick off is in mid-September "with the aim of getting the competitions finished before Christmas so there is no long break over the holidays and clashes with outdoor pre-season training."

***Anyone interested either in playing as an individual or entering a team should contact him on 062 577 152.***

## BELCONNEN LOSE IN UPSET

**Leading ACT players are close to revolt over what they describe as sub-standard and disgraceful pitches allocated to them for the Premier League finals series.**

Canberra Deakin midfielder Stan Dukic approached Soccer Weekly after his team had scored an upset 3-2 win over minor premiers Belconnen United on Sunday.

Dukic said he was representing the views both of his own team mates and United when he said the standard of finals pitches was disgraceful.

"Last week the semi-finals were played at Woden Park and Hawker Oval, both pitches which have been heavily used and have deteriorating surfaces," he said.

"Today we played at O'Connor Oval which has combination goal posts and a surface which had already had four games played on it during the women's association finals the day before.

"It doesn't get any better next week when we play the Grand Final at Wanniassa Oval which has poor spectator facilities and wasn't considered good enough to be used for the regular season.

"All Soccer Canberra seem concerned with is getting these finals out of the way so it can get down to the serious business with Novell Canberra Cosmos.

"It's very unfair on local players who can't show their football skills to the full, and to the spectators who are cheated of a top game.

"The players believe that finals football should be played at venues of the quality of the Bruce Athletics Field, Seiffert Oval — even Bruce Stadium.

"And it's not acceptable to say 'oh these are not available'. They should have been booked along with all the other grounds at the beginning of the season."

No one can accuse Dukic of sour grapes. Deakin mastered the difficult conditions on a rain-swept afternoon to deliver Belconnen's second defeat in as many games, sent the minor premier crashing out of the competition.

No side has put three goals past United in the league this season — Deakin performed that feat in the first half, virtually killing the game as it rattled up a 3-0 lead.

Once again it was the makeshift striking combination of the Barac brothers, Michael and Tony, who did the damage.

First Michael pounced on an error by goalkeeper Steve Bakas to open the scoring after 23 minutes.

Eleven minutes later it was Michael again, with a jinking run down the middle of the park, taking him past two defenders before he switched the ball wide for his brother, drifting in from the right, to make it 2-0.

Michael was causing chaos every time he touched the ball, and in first half stoppage time he set up Mladin Rogic for the lanky defender to place his shot past Bakas.

United was in further strife when Bakas' challenge on Tony Barac saw him sent from the field in the 67th minute, but reduced to 10 men, and with Adrian Dowling drafted into the keeper's role, it staged a dramatic comeback.

The hero was Scott Manson, with two viciously struck shots, one from a free kick — but with just two minutes left after he grabbed the second, United simply ran out of time.

And to be fair it would have been an injustice had United managed to take the game to extra time. In contrast to the Baracs, its strikers were almost non-existent in the first half.

Player coach Lino Fiorese tried to inject some life — first by switching big Jason Dunn into the forward line, then bringing in Paul Chalmers for the ineffective Tony Pangallo — with limited success.

Deakin coach John Bull will not have the full Barac option for Sunday's Grand Final against Olympic. "Tony got his second yellow card in this game, so he'll be suspended," Bull said.

"But it's great to be in the Grand Final again, and the whole club is looking forward to it."

### NOVELL ACT PREMIER LEAGUE

**PRELIMINARY FINAL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Belconnen United | 2 | Canberra Deakin | 3 |

***RESERVE* PRELIMINARY FINAL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Weston Creek | 3 | Canberra Deakin (AET) | 1 |

**YOUTH PRELIMINARY FINAL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Canberra Deakin *(AET & 4-2 pens to Deakin)* | 4 | Weston Creek | 4 |

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

**PRELIMINARY FINAL**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Burns Club | 2 | Cooma | 0 |

***RESERVE* PRELIMINARY FINAL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ANU | 2 | Cooma | 1 |

**YOUTH PRELIMINARY FINAL**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Belwest-Olympic | 5 (AET & pens) | Tuggeranong United | 3 |

**DIVISION 2 PRELIMINARY FINAL**

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| ANU A | 3 | Ginninderra | 2 |

**DIVISION 3 PRELIMINARY FINAL**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Gungahlin Juventus | 5 | Canberra Defence | 4 |

**DIVISION 4 PRELIMINARY FINAL**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Monaro | 1 | Harmonie | 0 |

## WESTON CREEK WRAP IT UP

**By NICK GUOTH**

**Weston Creek wrapped up the ACTWSA season by defeating Canberra City 1-0 last Saturday. City had already taken out the minor premiership some weeks before.**

The first half was rather scrappy with very few chances as the teams sought to settle in. The defences were solid and when City began to exert pressure towards the end of the half, Janine Jurd in goal and Kim Williams as sweeper were solid.

At the half time break Weston coach John Cannock must have inspired his team, as they came out and dominated the rest of the game.

The only thing needed was a goal, and for Clorinda Ianucci it was third time lucky. City keeper Tory Turner, who was her team's best player, twice foiled Ianucci.

Fifteen minutes into the half Ianucci robbed a defender and headed straight for goal, only to miskick and see her shot pushed wide for a corner. Less than five minutes later she was robbed when her volley was saved by the acrobatic Turner.

With a quarter of an hour left the breakthrough came when Tracy Carr sent a pin-point cross over her defender to Ianucci, who made no mistake.

Cannock was well pleased with his team, especially given the number of young players in its ranks. He refused to choose a best on the park, saying they all stood out.

### NOVELL ACT Premier League GRAND FINALS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – WANNIASSA OVAL**

**First Grade**
Olympic v Canberra Deakin – 2.30pm

**Reserve Grade**
Belconnen United v Weston Creek – 10.30am

**Youth Grade**
Gungahlin Juventus v Canberra Deakin – 9am

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 Grand Finals

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – WANNIASSA OVAL**

**First Grade**
Capital City Suns v Burns Club – 12.30pm

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – HACKETT OVAL**

**Reserve Grade**
Belconnen United v ANU – 2.30pm

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# Victorian Soccer Federation

## 1995 Grand Final Replay this week

**GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS 0**
**BULLEEN INTER KINGS 1**

*By DWYGHT TUFFNELL*

**Bulleen Inter Kings set up a replay of the 1995 Grand Final after defeating Green Gully Cavaliers 1-0 in the Preliminary Final on Sunday.**

An Eric Hollingsworth goal in the 50th minute settled a bad tempered clash in which two players were sent off.

Tony Neceski was the first one to be dismissed after a needless incident off the ball with Bulleen's Robert Liparoti in the 11th minute.

Referee Andrew Stacey was no more than five metres from the incident and had no hesitation showing him the red card.

Liparoti himself was ejected in the 89th minute, after more indiscipline behind the play.

Gully coach, Chris Taylor, was seething after the game about the refereeing performance of Stacey.

"That's two years on the trot that referees' decisions have cost us a grand final berth" Taylor said.

"If the standard of the Premier League is going to go up, then the standard of the officials has got to change."

Gully's Cameron Brown had a shot cleared off the line before Neceski was sent off and then another contentious decision saw Gully have a goal disallowed.

Defender Sean Douglas had the ball in the net but the assistant referee had his flag up for what was the most marginal of off-side rulings.

Bulleen started to exploit the one man advantage and only a terrific save from Chris Veila prevented Anthony Grbac's effort from 30 metres from going in.

17 year old midfielder, Mark Bresciano, got through a lot of hard work in the first half and was nearly rewarded with a goal shortly before the break, when he shot just wide from Hollingsworth's lay-off.

The vital moment came five minutes into the second half when Chris Vella, who had struggled on crosses all day, missed a Robert Stojcevski corner and Hollingsworth was there to bundle the ball over the line.

The Cavaliers, to their credit, came back into the game well and pressed hard for the all important equalising goal.

Their best chance came in stoppage time when Sean Douglas lifted his shot over the bar from Adam Cimino's low cross.

'The referee was the most influential person on the park," said Taylor when asked if Bulleen were the better side.

Bulleen coach, Bogdan Bonk, has taken his team from fifth place and the elimination final to the grand final.

He is looking forward to this week's game, but must play without the services of Liparoti.

"It's a big loss. He has played since I took over, and now I have to change the team around."

**Cavaliers:** Vella, Spiteri, Sean Douglas, Waddell, Waddell, Brown, Armstrong, Steve Douglas (Stafrace 71), Suric (Cimino 68), Neceski, Genovesi, Babic.

**Kings:** Keogh, Valentic, Stojcevski, Tsiakos, Tartaglia, Bresciano, Collina (McAleer 66), Grbac, Liparoti, Hollingsworth, Guglielmi.

***SCORERS :***
**BULLEEN:** Hollingsworth (50)
***RED CARDS :***
**GULLY:** Neceski (11)
**BULLEEN:** Liparoti (89)
***YELLOW CARDS :***
**GULLY:** Steve Douglas (59), Brown (78), Genovesi (85) **BULLEEN:** Liparoti (11)
***Referee:*** A.Stacey
***Crowd:*** 1400

*Steve Douglas: Had an excellent game for Green Gully.*

## PLAYER RATINGS

**By JOHN RIGAS**

### GREEN GULLY

**Chris Vella — (6)** He was busy for most of the afternoon keeping Bulleen at bay. Looked shaky at times on crosses and corners.

**Peter Spiteri — (7)** Consistent performance by the right back. Had the marking duties on Mark Bresciano and was kept busy combining his defensive work with runs down the flank.

**John Waddell — (6)** Some good moments but not his usual influential self. Always a threat at free kicks, yet he didn't trouble the Bulleen keeper with his three attempts.

**Cameron Brown — (7)** Solid performance, tried hard to keep Gully in the game with excellent distribution and tight marking of his opponents.

**Sean Douglas — (8)** Was Gully's best player. Perhaps a little unlucky to have a goal disallowed but might have done better with the chance he had late in the game.

**Lachlan Armstrong — (6)** Rarely sighted for most of the afternoon, could have put in a little more in his defensive midfield role.

**Steve Douglas — (7)** Looked dangerous with surging runs out of defence. Came close to scoring with a long range strike.

**Jani Suric — (6)** Played in a unfamiliar defensive role, marking the dangerous Damon Collina. Substituted late in the game.

**Tony Neceski — (2)** Only lasted 11 minutes before being sent off. Gully missed his midfield service.

**Daniel Genovesi — (8)** Harassed Bulleen all afternoon with his determination and speed. Created opportunities for his team mates.

**Vlad Babic — (6)** Came close to scoring with a free kick. Kept quiet by some tight marking and constant fouling.

**Dean Stafrace — (3)** Replaced Steve Douglas late in the game, not given enough time to make any real impact.

**Adam Cimino — (3)** Like Stafrace was introduced late in replacing Suric. Provided the cross from which Gully nearly equalised.

### BULLEEN INTER KINGS

**Sean Keogh — (7)** Had a quiet first half, was beaten once but luckily Douglas' header was ruled off-side.

**Frank Valentic — (7)** Gutsy performance, his runs down the right flank and tight marking was a highlight.

**Robert Stojcevski — (8)** Bulleen's best player. Took the corner which set up the only goal of the game. Excellent forward runs caused Gully many problems.

**Bill Tsiakos — (8)** Rock solid in defence, won everything in the air. Nearly scored a super goal on the volley but his shot flew narrowly over the bar.

**Dean Tartaglia — (8)** Very underrated player whose excellent reading of the game denied Gully time and time again.

**Mark Bresciano — (8)** Best player on the park in the first half covering an enormous amount of ground. Distribution and vision were spectacular. Big future for this 17 year old.

**Damon Collina — (8)** Looked dangerous when he combined with Bresciano. His pace worried the opposition. Replaced by Gerry McAleer.

**Anthony Grbac — (7)** Directed traffic in the middle of the park. His silky skills was a feature.

**Robert Liparoti — (6)** Will miss this week's game after being sent off in the last minute. Was involved in push and shove altercations all afternoon. Not his best game.

**Eric Hollingsworth — (8)** Bulleen's hero and goalscorer. Looked lethal when on the ball and his strikes on goal caused Vella many problems.

**Damian Guglielmi — (7)** Worked hard in his attacking midfield role, combined well with Collina and Bresciano. Held the ball up well looking to set up opportunities.

**Gerry McAleer — (3)** Replaced Collina midway through the second half. Partnered Hollingsworth up front, set up his team mate on numerous occasions.


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**Premier League**

**FINALS SERIES — Week 4**

**at LAKESIDE STADIUM, Albert Park**

**Sunday September 7**

**GRAND FINAL**

**ALTONA MAGIC v BULLEEN INTER KINGS**

**kick off 3.30pm**

# Victorian Soccer Federation

## STATE LEAGUE RESULTS

**DIVISION ONE RESULTS — Round 24**

Northcote City 1 - Richmond 4
Moorabbin City 2 - Broadmeadows City 0
Kingston City 2 - Doncaster Rovers 1
Maroondah Arrows 2 - Lalor United 3
Westgate 1 - South Dandenong 2
Springvale City 0 - Westvale 6
Western Suburbs 3 - Werribee City 1

Table — South Dandenong 59, Westvale 56, Moorabbin City 56, Western Suburbs 51, Richmond 48, Kingston City 40, Werribee City 31, Springvale City 28, Lalor United 26, Westgate 21, Northcote City 21, Doncaster Rovers 20, Maroondah Arrows 13, Broadmeadows City 13.

**DIVISION TWO RESULTS**

Old Scotch Waverley 1 - Essendon Bruns. Royals 1
Oakleigh 2 - Frankston Pines 0
Frankston Strikers 4 - Regent Bulla 2
East Richmond 2 - Altona City 0
Knox City 0 - Bell Park 2
Mooroolbark 0 - Altona East 2
Yarraville/Glen Eira 0 - Ringwood City 0

Table — Altona East 55, Ringwood City 54, Oakleigh 50, Frankston Strikers 46, Yarraville/Glen Eira 41, Altona City 33, Mooroolbark 30, Knox City 29, East Richmond 28, Essendon Bruns. Royals 28, Regent Bulla 27, Old Scotch Waverley 22, Frankston Pines 18, Bell Park 11.

**DIVISION THREE RESULTS**

Melbourne City 4 - Banyule City 1
Pascoe Vale 2 - South Caulfield 0
South Springvale 1 - North Coburg United 1
Diamond Valley United 1 - Cranbourne 3
Keilor Park 2 - South Werribee 0
Geelong 0 - Nunawading City 0
Fitzroy City 2 - Chelsea 0

Table — Cranbourne 52, Melbourne City 46, South Springvale 45, Chelsea 43, Geelong 34, Pascoe Vale 32, Keilor Park 31, Fitzroy City 28, Diamond Valley United 26, North Coburg United 26, South Werribee 26, Banyule City 25, South Caulfield 22, Nunawading City 6.

**DIVISION FOUR RESULTS**

Lalor 0 - Seaford United 0
Williamstown 1 - Langwarrin 1
Sunbury United 1 - Stonnington City 2
Sandringham City 1 - Keysborough 3
Monbulk 1 - Geelong Rangers 1
Corio 2 - Moreland City 1
Clifton Hill United 1 - Sunshine Heights 2

Table — Stonnington City 57, Keysborough 51, Langwarrin 49, Sunshine Heights 47, Williamstown 39, Clifton Hill United 36, Sandringham City 34, Moreland City 31, Sunbury United 29, Geelong Rangers 26, Seaford United 23, Corio 22, Lalor 19, Monbulk 5.

***PROVISIONAL* LEAGUE DIVISION ONE RESULTS — Round 23**

Endeavour United 0 - Knox Park 0
Doveton 0 - Mitcham United 5
Croxton Park 1 - Lyndale United 2
Ballarat 1 - Brandon Park 1
South Wantirna 3 - North Sunshine Eagles 1
Glenroy 1 - Melton 2
Sunshine Blues 4 - Springvale Condors 2

Table —South Wantirna 58, Melton 58, Knox Park 46, Croxton Park 45, Lyndale United 40, Endeavour United 33, North Sunshine Eagles 32, Sunshine Blues 27, Glenroy 26, Springvale Condors 22, Mitcham United 21, Brandon Park 21, Ballarat 16, Doveton 1.

**DIVISION TWO RESULTS — Round 20**

Meadow Park 2 - Riversdale 3
South Yarra 0 - Berwick City 0
Keon Park 2 - Braeside United 0
Sydenham Park 1 - Templestowe Eagles 2
Brunswick City 2 - Waverley Wanderers 2
Hoppers Crossing - bye

Table — Riversdale 42, Templestowe Eagles 38, Sydenham Park 35, Keon Park 34, South Yarra 31, Brunswick City 24, Hoppers Crossing 22, Braeside United 16, Waverley Wanderers 14, Berwick City 13, Meadow Park 11.

**DIVISION THREE METRO RESULTS**

Camberwell Grammar 0 - Morwell Pegasus 4
Melbourne University 1 - Uni. of Melb. Blues 4
Newborough/Yallourn 2 - Monash University 2
Keilor United 1 - Dandenong 2
Ashburton 0 - Elwood City 1
Ringwood Rovers - bye

Table — Morwell Pegasus 44, Newborough/Yallourn 42, Uni. of Melb. Blues 33, Dandenong 32, Ashburton 24, Melbourne University 22, Elwood City 21, Monash University 20, Camberwell Grammar 17, Keilor United 14, Ringwood Rovers 12.

**DIVISON THREE NTH/WEST RESULTS**

West Preston 2 - Broadmeadows United 5
Somerton City 1 - Watsonia Heights 1
Northern United 1 - Latrobe University 4
North Reservoir 0 - Mill Park 0
Whittlesea United 1 - Brimbank 7
North Glenroy 0 - Darebin United 1

Table — Broadmeadows United 45, Darebin United 42, Latrobe University 40, Brimbank 38, Somerton City 36, Northern United 28, Mill Park 26, North Reservoir 20, North Glenroy 19, Watsonia Heights 19, Whittlesea United 6, West Preston 5.

**DIVISION THREE STH/EAST RESULTS**

Thornbury United 1 - Dingley City 4
Noble Park 3 - East Kew 0
Ivanhoe United 4 - Endeavour Hills 5
Flemington Falcons 2 - Monash City 4
Parkmore - bye
Collingwood City - bye

Table — Dingley City 46, Collingwood City 35, Noble Park 28, Endeavour Hills 23, East Kew 19, Thornbury United 16, Flemington Falcons 16, Ivanhoe United 16, Monash City 15, Parkmore 10.

## "Healthy Diet — Try It" PREMIER LEAGUE

## STATE /PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

**DIVISION 1 ROUND 25**
**Saturday September 6**

Western Suburbs v Westgate
South Dandenong v Maroondah Arrows
Lalor United v Kingston City
Doncaster Rovers v Moorabbin City
Broadmeadows City v Northcote City
Richmond v Springvale City
Werribee City v Westvale

**DIVISION 2 ROUND 25**
**Saturday September 6**

Yarraville/Glen Eira v Knox City
Bell Park v East Richmond
Altona City v Frankston Strikers
Regebt Bulla v Oakleigh
Frankston Pines v Old Scotch Waverley
Essendon Bruns. Royals v Mooroolbark
Ringwood City v Altona East

**DIVISION 3 ROUND 25**
**Saturday September 6**

Chelsea v Keilor Park
South Werribee v Diamond Valley United
Cranbourne v South Springvale
North Coburg United v Pascoe Vale
South Caulfield v Melbourne City
Banyule City v Geelong
Fitzroy City v Nunawading City

**DIVISION 4 ROUND 25**
**Saturday September 6**

Clifton Hill United v Monbulk
Geelong Rangers v Sandringham City
Keysborough v Sunbury United
Stonnington City v Williamstown
Langwarrin v Lalor
Seaford United v Corio
Sunshine Heights v Moreland City

**PROVISIONAL**
**DIVISION 1 ROUND 24**
**Saturday September 6**

Saturday September 6
Melton v South Wantirna
North Sunshine Eagles v Ballarat
Brandon Park v Croxton Park
Lyndale United v Doveton
Mitcham United v Endeavour United
Springvale Condors v Glenroy
Knox Park v Sunshine Blues

**DIVISION 2**

NO GAMES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

**DIVISION 3 — Metro**

NO GAMES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

**DIVISION 3 — Nth/West**

NO GAMES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

**DIVISION 3 — Sth/East**

NO GAMES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

## "Healthy Diet — Try It" PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

### Preliminary Final

Green Gully Cavaliers 0 — Bulleen Inter Kings 1 (Hollingsworth 50)

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# Around the Globe

## ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

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| Arsenal | 0 | Tottenham | 0 |
| Aston Villa | 1 | Leeds | 0 |
| Chelsea | 4 | South'ton | 2 |
| C Palace | 1 | Blackburn | 2 |
| Derby | 1 | Barnsley | 0 |
| Man Utd | 3 | Coventry | 0 |
| Sheff Wed | 1 | Leicester | 0 |
| West Ham | 3 | Wim'don | 1 |

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| Blackburn | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 10 |
| Man Utd | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Arsenal | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 8 |
| Leicester | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| West Ham | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| Chelsea | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 6 |
| Newcastle | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| C Palace | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Tottenham | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Barnsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| Liverpool | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Coventry | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Bolton | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Leeds | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Everton | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| South'ton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Wimb'on | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Sheff Wed | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 1 |
| Derby | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Aston Villa | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 0 |

## first division

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| Charlton A | 2 | Man City | 1 |
| Huddersfield | 0 | Sheff Utd | 0 |
| Ipswich Town | 1 | WBA | 1 |
| Not Forest | 4 | QPR | 0 |
| Portsmouth | 2 | Oxford United | 1 |
| Reading | 0 | Bradford City | 3 |
| Stoke City | 1 | Swindon Town | 2 |
| Sunderland | 0 | Norwich City | 1 |
| Tranmere | 0 | Midd'brough | 2 |
| Wolves | 4 | Bury | 2 |
| Stockport | 2 | Birmingham | 2 |

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| N Forest | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 12 |
| Bradford | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 10 |
| WBA | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| Swindon | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 10 |
| Sheff Utd | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Portsmouth | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Birmingham | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 7 |
| Wolves | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Charlton A | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| Midd'brough | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Tranmere | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| QPR | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| Stoke City | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Oxford | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| Crewe | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Port Vale | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Sunderland | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| Bury | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Norwich | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Man City | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Stockport | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Ipswich | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Hudd'field | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Reading | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 |

## second division

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| Bournemouth | 2 | Blackpool | 0 |
| Brentford | 3 | Grimsby Town | 1 |
| Bristol City | 3 | Wigan Athletic | 0 |
| Burnley | 0 | Bristol Rovers | 0 |
| Carlisle | 0 | Northampton | 2 |
| Luton Town | 1 | Oldham Athletic | 1 |
| Plymouth Argyle | 1 | Chesterfield | 1 |
| Preston Nth End | 2 | Watford | 0 |
| Walsall | 3 | Southend United | 1 |
| W'mbe Wand | 2 | Fulham | 0 |
| York City | 2 | Gillingham | 1 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Bournemouth | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| Watford | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Chesterfield | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| Bristol Rovers | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| Wycombe | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Bristol City | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Oldham | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Preston | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| Northampton | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| York City | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Gillingham | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Luton | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Fulham | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Walsall | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| Wigan | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| Plymouth | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Brentford | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Wrexham | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Southend | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| Millwall | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Grimsby | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Blackpool | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| Burnley | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Carlisle | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 |

## third division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barnet | 2 | Chester City | 1 |
| Brighton | 0 | Orient | 1 |
| Cambridge | 4 | Shrewsbury | 3 |
| Cardiff | 1 | Notts County | 1 |
| Darlington | 1 | Rotherham | 1 |
| Doncaster Rovers | 0 | Exeter City | 1 |
| Hartlepool | 0 | Macclesfield | 0 |
| Hull City | 7 | Swansea City | 4 |
| Lincoln | 3 | Scarborough | 3 |
| Rochdale | 1 | Peterborough | 2 |
| Scunthorpe Utd | 1 | Mansfield | 0 |
| Torquay United | 1 | Colchester | 1 |

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| Macclesfield | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Notts County | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| Barnet | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Cambridge | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Scarborough | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| Lincoln | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Torquay | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| Cardiff City | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Swansea City | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Leyton Orient | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
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| Hartlepool | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Rotherham | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| Chester City | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Hull City | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 3 |
| Shrewsbury | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Rochdale | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Mansfield | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
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| Brighton | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
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| Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk | 1 |
| Alania Vladikavkaz (Rus) | 4 |
| Odra Wodzislaw (Pol) | 3 |
| Rotor Volgograd (Rus) | 4 |
| Vorskla Poltava (Ukr) | 0 |
| Anderlecht (Bel) | 2 |
| Boby Brno (Cze) | 2 |
| Rapid Vienne (Aut) | 0 |
| Lillestrom (Nor) | 1 |
| Dinamo Minsk (Blr) | 0 |
| Viking Stavanger (Nor) | 2 |
| Neuchatel Xamax (Swi) | 1 |
| Spartak Trnava (Svk) | 0 |
| PAOK Salonika (Gre) | 1 |
| Brann Bergen (Nor) | 2 |
| Grasshopper Zurich (Swi) | 0 |
| Aarhus (Den) | 3 |
| Ujpest Dosza (Hun) | 2 |
| Orebro (Swe) | 0 |
| Jablonec (Cze) | 0 |
| FC Brugge (Bel) | 3 |
| HIT Gorica (Slo) | 0 |
| Mouscron (Bel) | 3 |
| Apollon Limassol (Cyp) | 0 |
| Malmo (Swe) | 0 |
| Hajduk Split (Cro) | 2 |
| Dundee Utd (Sco) | 1 |
| Trabzonspor (Tur) | 1 |
| Ferencvaros (Hun) | 0 |
| Helsingborgs (Swe) | 1 |
| Celtic (Sco) | 6 |
| FC Tirol (Aut) | 3 |
| Hapoel Peth Tikvah (Isr) | 1 |
| Vejle (Den) | 0 |
| OFI Crete (Gre) | 3 |
| Reykjavik (Icl) | 1 |

## QUEENSLAND XXXX League

**GRAND FINAL**

Brisbane City 2 Taringa Rovers 0

***Next week QLD Cup Semi Finals***

Saturday 6 Sepember
Far Nor QLD v Taringa Rovers
8.00pm at Mareeba
Sunday 7 September
Sunshine Coast v Wynnum
2.30pm at Beerwah Glasshouse

**SP DIV 1 NORTH – GRAND FINAL**

Mitchelton 4 Albany Creek 2

**SP DIV 1 SOUTH – GRAND FINAL**

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***Next Week – SP League Cup Final***

Friday 5 September
Slacks Creek v Toowoomba United
8.00pm at Perry Park

## WEST AUSTRALIA Premier League – Rd 23

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| Rockingham City | 2 |
| Balcatta | 4 |
| Ashfield Bunbury | 3 |
| Stirling Suns | 0 |
| Bassendeon Caledonian | 3 |
| Queens Park | 4 |
| Cockburn United | 4 |
| North Lake | 1 |
| Perth City | 3 |
| Wanneroo City | 4 |
| Southside United | 1 |
| Armadale S C | 3 |
| University | 2 |
| Balga | 0 |

**FIRST DIVISION**

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| Western Knights | 1 |
| Floreat Athena | 1 |
| Olympic Kingsway | 1 |
| Spearwood Dalmatinac | 1 |
| Sorrento | 6 |
| Dianella White Eagles | 0 |
| Stirling Macedonia | 1 |
| Inglewood Falcons | 3 |


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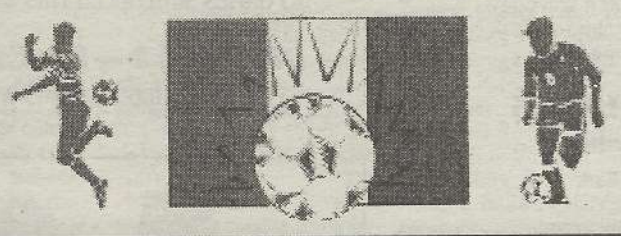

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# EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**UEFA have now made the draw for the round robin 'mini leagues' in the European Cup. Reigning champions, Borussia Dortmund, are joined by Sparta Prague, Parma and Galatasary in Group 'A'.**

The draw also saw Juventus and Manchester United locking horns again with the memory of Juve's 4-0 win over the Red Devils still fresh in many minds. The other combatants in Group 'B' are Dutch side Feyenoord and Kosice from Slovakia.

Current Dutch champions, PSV Eindhoven, will meet Premier League runners-up Newcastle United, Barcelona (Spain) and Dynamo Kiev of the Ukraine in their Group 'C' qualifiers.

***The full draw is as follows:***

**Group 'A'**
Borussia Dortmund (Ger), Sparta Prague (Czech Rep), Parma (Ita) and Galatasary (Tur).

**Group 'B'**
Feyenoord (Hol), Kosice (Slo), Man Utd (Eng) and Juventus (Ita).

**Group 'C'**
Barcelona (Spa), PSV Eindhoven (Hol), Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) and Newcastle United (Eng).

**Group 'D'**
Porto (Por), Real Madrid (Spa), Rosenborg (Nor) and Olympiakos (Gre).

**Group 'E'**
IFK Gothenburg (Swe), Bayern Munich (Ger), Besiktas (Tur) and Paris St Germain (Fra)

**Group 'F'**
Lierse (Bel), Sporting Lisbon (Por), Monaco (Fra) and Bayer Leverkusen (Ger)

# WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

## FINNISH KEEPERS THWART MATILDAS

**Australia clearly dominated Finland last Tuesday night in Helsinki, but found themselves beaten 2-0 by a team which made their few goal chances count.**

The Aussies' overall control of possession for the match saw them outshoot their opponents 20-8, yet they were unable to make it count when it mattered.

The match was especially significant for Anissa Tann-Darby, who played a record 50th 'A' international cap for Australia (see below). Honoured with the captaincy to mark the occasion, Tann-Darby was a key member of the Aussie defence.

Australia settled quickly into the match, their midfield and defence combining to switch play efficiently and decisively.

Finland's backline was soon opened up as strikers Julie Murray and Kim Revell held the ball up strongly before feeding Lisa Casagrande and Sharon Black on the two flanks.

However, in front of goal there was no way past the massive 180cm frame of Finland goalkeeper, Johanna Lindell, who controlled her territory with great authority. Black, Murray and Revell had shots stopped by the confident keeper, who also came off her line to spoil numerous Australian attacking raids, thus keeping a goalless scoreline going into the break.

The visitors continued after the break as they had left off — determined to claim a deserved lead. Six minutes in, another opportunity saw Casagrande unleash a cross from the right. A deflection off the Finnish defence fell to the feet of Black, whose shot was parried by substitute keeper Susanna Heikari, the ball agonisingly dribbling the length of the goal-line before creeping out for a corner.

Eventually the deadlock was broken in the 69th minute, but it was the home side doing the celebrating. In what was just their fourth shot on goal, Finland's free kick from half way was deflected off an Aussie defender — Laura Kalmari gathered and struck the ball sweetly into the top left corner of the net.

This setback sparked the Australians into top gear, but still Finland's 'rock' in goals proved impervious to all attempts thrown at her.

Tann-Darby stepped up to make a perfect strike from a 20 metre free kick on the left but also fell victim to the gloves of sub Heikari, as she sprinted across behind the wall to push the shot around the left post to safety.

Traci Bartlett came closest to equalising with a spectacular effort from 30 metres, with only three minutes left on the clock. Dipping and destined for goal, Heikari's fingertip save retained the Finnish lead.

Then, with a minute remaining Finland left the Aussies further demoralised, going two ahead with a fantastic individual goal. Julia Uusmalmi dribbled a path through midfield to the right side of the park, before changing direction and blasting an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

Finland coach, Reima Kokko, expressed his surprise at the quality of the Australian performance. "Australia is very athletic and skilful," he said afterwards.

"We had to change our tactics in the second half as we were in trouble during the first. We moved one of our strikers back into midfield to spoil their play, and we are satisfied it worked to our advantage."

Matildas coach, Greg Brown, remained positive, despite the loss. "We dominated the match and played very well. We were denied by some very good goalkeeping."

He was looking forward to a strong finish to the tour with a solid performance against Norway on Sunday 31 August (see next week for match report). The team arrives back home tomorrow (Wed).

**Australia:** Kitching, Cooper (Thornton 88), Starr, Salisbury (Taylor 46), Gegenhuber (Bartlett 68), Casagrande (Moore 59), Black, Revell, Tann-Darby, Murray, Forman (Duus 88).

**Finland:** Lindell (Heikari 46), Laine (Simonen 46), Uusmalmi, Kalmari, Seppanen, Ylitalo (Forssell 67), Julin, Lind, Maattanen, Mustonen, Rasanen (Valkonen 67).

### COMMENT:

*On completion of their current overseas tour to Europe — considered a vital component in deciding the next step forward for Australian Women's Soccer — how much success can be gauged on results and expenditure of the two international trips during 1997?*

*A 2-2 draw with Renova Budapest FC, using an experimental Australian side, was a good warm-up game which seemed vindicated by a resounding 4-0 triumph over Hungary and, despite fatigue, a 1-1 draw with Holland in Grootebroek.*

*Unfancied Estonia were removed 5-1, but Australia suffered their first defeat on tour at the hands of Belgium.*

*A second defeat followed at the hands of outsiders Finland, which saw the Australians go down by two goals to nil.*

*Norway are the next opponents Sunday 31, where the outcome is expected to be a hard fought match, but a home win nevertheless.*

*Results on this latest tour have been reasonable, but can the costs be justified when considering not only the players' accommodation, food, travel and payments, but those of the seven support staff also?*

*Obviously Australia must play tougher opposition if progress further on the world stage.*

*Only time will tell if the seeds planted this year will reap a rich harvest.*

## 50 FOR TANN-DARBY

**Defender Anissa Tann-Darby will remember Australia's clash against Finland as the match in which she reached the milestone of 50 'A' international caps — creating history and an honour which can never be taken away.**

The first Australian female to achieve the half-century; the former leader was once again handed the captaincy in recognition of the record.

The 29 year old central defender set off for Europe with 44 caps under her belt, and has put in consistently solid performances to earn selection in the starting eleven for five of the six internationals so far on tour.

Brought in off the bench against Estonia, Tann-Darby reached the fifty mark right on target against Finland.

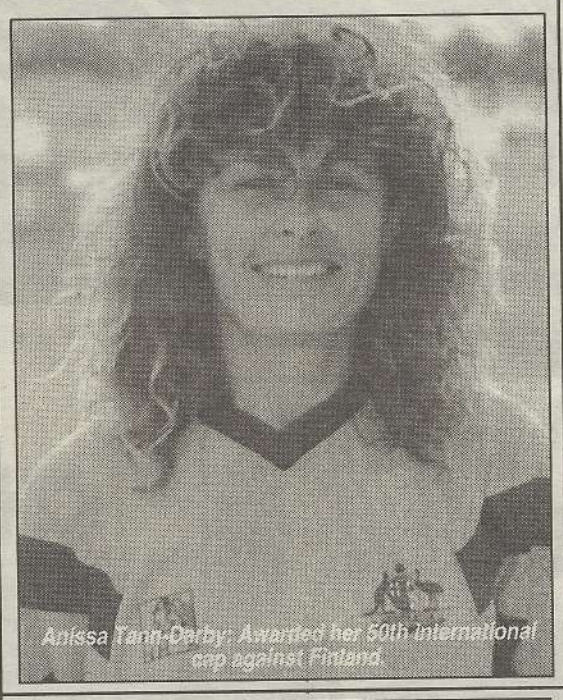
The record is especially sweet for Tann-Darby, who found herself one of several players dropped from the Australian Squad following the 1995 World Cup.

Her recall for the recent US tour ended a frustrating twenty months in exile for the NSW player.

She was first selected for Australia in 1986, but problems between AWSA and NSW delayed her international debut for two years (which was the Pilot World Cup in China).

The tenacious defender has witnessed first hand the evolution of women's Soccer over the years — with all its highs and lows — and now is focussed solely on cementing a place in the 'green and gold' for years to come.

Well done Anissa (pictured right), a great effort.



Anissa Tann-Darby: Awarded her 50th international cap against Finland.

## AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP 1997

**SUN 7 SEPT**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11.15am | NSW | v | ACT |
| 1.00pm | QLD | v | WA |
| 2.45pm | VIC | v | NNSW |

**MON 8 SEPT**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10.00am | ACT | v | QLD |
| 11.45am | NNSW | v | NSW |
| 1.30pm | WA | v | VIC |

**TUE 9 SEPT**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10.00am | WA | v | NNSW |
| 11.45am | VIC | v | ACT |
| 1.30pm | QLD | v | NSW |

**WED 10 SEPT** – *REST DAY*

**THU 11 SEPT**

| | | | |
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| 10.00am | NSW | v | VIC |
| 11.45am | NNSW | v | QLD |
| 1.30pm | ACT | v | WA |

**FRI 12 SEPT**

| | | | |
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| 3.30pm | VIC | v | QLD |
| 5.15pm | WA | v | NSW |
| 7.00pm | ACT | v | NNSW |

**SAT 13 SEPT**

12.30pm – *Exhibition Game*
2.00pm – *FINAL*

## YOUTH TITLE UP FOR GRABS

**It's September already and time once again for the staging of the Australian Youth Championship, this year hosted by Victoria.**

Six teams — ACT, New South Wales, Northern NSW, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia — will fight it out for the title at Springvale City Soccer Club's headquarters in the Melbourne suburb of Noble Park.

ACT, NSW, Queensland and Victoria have each named combinations boasting numerous players from last summer's national league, which promises to bring exciting, high quality football to the week long contest.

Champions NSW will defend their title with an experienced core of players, but have also introduced a handful of youngsters to the fold. They should, as ever, prove a tough nut to crack, and their campaign will see the long awaited comeback of Australian representative, Kelly Golebiowski, out since last December through a knee injury.

ACT have no less than ten national league players, including Australian internationals Amy Taylor and Amy Wilson. A very solid unit, they will be aiming to build on their junior successes over recent years with honours at youth level.

Queensland, last year's runners-up, will be keen to go one better in Melbourne, with home side Victoria certain to be a tough opponent against any side.

Northern NSW and WA have relatively less experienced line-ups, but will be looking to make their mark against the more favoured outfits.

The action kicks off this Sunday at Ross Reserve, with the final scheduled for the following Saturday.

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Amy Beattie | GK/F | 16 years |
| 2 | Peita-Claire Hepperlin | D | 16 |
| 3 | Tracey Floro | D | 18 |
| 4 | Amy Taylor | D/M | 18 |
| 5 | Louise Corbett | F | 18 |
| 6 | Felicity Cox | D | 16 |
| 7 | Danielle Hepperlin | M/F | 16 |
| 8 | Danica Ralston | M | 17 |
| 9 | Dior Foxhill | M/F | 16 |
| 10 | Amy Wilson | M | 17 |
| 11 | Kim Channing | F | 15 |
| 12 | Mary Pelle | M/D | 19 |
| 13 | Michelle Singer | F | 17 |
| 14 | Laura Jennings | M/GK | 17 |
| 15 | Sian Williams | M/F | 16 |
| 16 | Angela Ostrenkovics | M/D | 17 |

*Coach:* David Pierce

### NEW SOUTH WALES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cassandra Kell | GK | 17 |
| 2 | Cassie McCall | M | 15 |
| 3 | Rochelle Doyle | M | 18 |
| 4 | Sarah Walsh | F | 13 |
| 5 | Amanda Boyle | M | 18 |
| 6 | Neisha Klessattel | D | 17 |
| 7 | Danielle Smith | M | 15 |
| 8 | Melissa Link | M | 18 |
| 9 | Heather Garriock | M | 15 |
| 10 | Lisa Collins | M | 17 |
| 11 | Rhian Davies | M | 16 |
| 12 | Renae Bevan | D | 17 |
| 13 | Kelly Gloebiowski | F | 15 |
| 14 | Kristine Collins | D | 16 |
| 15 | Alicia Cavanagh | M | 17 |
| 16 | Lori Scandurra | GK | 17 |

*Coach:* Bruce Tilt

### NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rebecca Perrett | GK | 17 |
| 2 | Kerrie Brooks | D | 17 |
| 3 | Brooke Mitchell | D | 15 |
| 4 | Leah Szerres | D | 18 |
| 5 | Marlene Edwards | D | 15 |
| 6 | Jodie Cook | D | 16 |
| 7 | Bronwyn Nutley | M | 14 |
| 8 | Nicole Malloy | M | 18 |
| 9 | Samantha Walsh | F | 17 |
| 10 | Renae Brownlee | F | 17 |
| 11 | Georgina Lomax | F | 17 |
| 12 | Ashley Wilson | M | 13 |
| 13 | Tara McMinn | F | 13 |
| 14 | Kasey Sparks | D | 16 |
| 15 | Naomi James | F | 16 |
| 16 | Pelay Ingles | M | 16 |

*Coach:* Ken Kaiser

### QUEENSLAND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Joanne Butland | GK | 18 |
| 2 | Victoria Videla | D | 15 |
| 3 | Sarah Garven | D | 18 |
| 4 | Kate Stork | M | 17 |
| 5 | Kelly Russell | M | 17 |
| 6 | Jodie Hammond | M | 18 |
| 7 | Lisa Elkins | D | 19 |
| 8 | Megan Bond | M | 16 |
| 9 | Michelle McKenzie | F | 17 |
| 10 | Brooke Short | F | 17 |
| 11 | April Mann | F | 19 |
| 12 | Narelle Clark | D | 17 |
| 13 | Kelly Lanagan | F | 19 |
| 14 | Bronwyn Duce | D | 18 |
| 15 | Cornelia Brouwer | F | 17 |
| 16 | Jennifer McKain | M | 19 |
| 17 | Jacqui Hull | M | 17 |
| 18 | Chantal Wise | GK | 18 |

*Coach:* Jeff Howarth

### VICTORIA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Roisin McGowan | GK | 17 |
| 2 | Louisa Bisby | M | 18 |
| 3 | Joanne Satler | D | 19 |
| 4 | Jenny Black | D | 17 |
| 5 | Caroline McEvoy | D | 18 |
| 6 | Bronwyn Carey | D | 16 |
| 7 | Emma Rea | M | 17 |
| 8 | Marie Naim | M | 17 |
| 9 | Michelle Fuller | F | 18 |
| 10 | Frida Cabander | F | 18 |
| 11 | Melissa Barbieri | M | 17 |
| 12 | Amy Porter | M | 16 |
| 13 | Kate Esnouf | F | 16 |
| 14 | Bree Turner | M | 19 |
| 15 | Belinda Godfrey | D | 18 |
| 16 | Claire Hepper | D | 18 |
| 17 | Antonella Serapiglia | D | 17 |
| 18 | Antoinette Santacaterina | GK | 17 |

*Coach:* Jeff Olver

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tarnea Johnson | GK | 18 |
| 2 | Natalie Gongalves | M | 18 |
| 3 | Novella Avezzu | D | 17 |
| 4 | Melissa Harding | D | 19 |
| 5 | Megi Nikoloski | M | 18 |
| 6 | Melanie Beaugeard | D | 18 |
| 7 | Donna Harris | M | 15 |
| 8 | Samantha Bentink | D | 16 |
| 9 | Danielle Andrews | F | 17 |
| 10 | Rina Squillace | M | 19 |
| 11 | Melissa Gardiner | M | 19 |
| 12 | Rebecca Hedley | M | 19 |
| 13 | Rebecca Simpson | D | 16 |
| 14 | Michelle Gangin | M | 16 |
| 15 | Jessica Sardi | GK/F | 14 |
| 16 | Amber Murray | F | 15 |

*Coach:* John Ward

# South Australian Soccer

By Val Migliaccio

## FOXES THROUGH TO GRAND FINAL

**The Mutual Community State League Top four series kicked off last Saturday. The first semi-final, between Elizabeth City and Port Pirie, finished a nail biting 3-2 for Elizabeth.**

Port Pirie's Premier League hopes for 1998 have now dived in a dramatic finish. Elizabeth now play-off in the Preliminary Final next Sunday at Thebarton Oval, however against Port they opened the score in the 21st minute when Marc Woods worked a one-two with Mike Iocavino, with Woods' left foot cross deflecting wickedly off a Port Pirie defender and into the back of the net.

Four minutes later Rams' strikers Chris Nicholls and Frank Marron waltzed through the Pirie defence with the latter volleying home from six metres for Elizabeth to take a 2-0 lead.

Although Pirie had considerable time with the ball, they found themselves 3-0 down in the 36th minute when Marron was brought down inside the penalty box. Nicholls stepped up for the spot kick and Pirie's keeper, Tory Caputo, pulled off a brilliant save only to see the ball rebound to Elizabeth's Graham Latham, who made no mistake.

In the 73rd minute Pirie were thrown a lifeline when Vincent Di Gioia threaded an inch perfect ball to midfielder Colin Miller, who slotted the ball home past the advancing keeper Ben Moore.

Pirie's Lemmy Vatsilas worked hard all afternoon and was involved in the 89th minute, feeding striker Lucio DeRocha who thundered his drive from the edge of the box and into the net for 3-2.

Unfortunately for Port Pirie, it came all too late, and now Elizabeth have increased their Premier promotion chances dramatically.

In the second semi-final, newly crowned State League title holders, Cumberland, defeated Croydon Kings 1-0 for a place in the Grand Final.

In a very tense and tight affair the highlight of the match came in the ninth minute when Cumberland's Alan Paice crossed the ball inside the box and found David Forster, who sent the Kings' defence the wrong way with an angled header past the outstretched arms of keeper George Yatsis, for the Foxes to take a 1-0 lead.

In the 66th minute Paice decided to try his luck from 25 metres and his power drive hit the upright, with Yatsis scrambling back to save the day from the Foxes' incoming attackers.

Both sides appeared jaded from a very gruelling season — the Kings tried to play their normal passing game but were thwarted by the determination of the Foxes' tactics.

## RAIDERS HEAD INTO GRAND FINAL

**Last Sunday, Adelaide Blue Eagles marched into the Mutual Community Preliminary Final with a convincing 3-0 victory over Campbelltown Red Devils at Thebarton Oval.**

Eagles' player/coach Zoran Karadzic was at his brilliant best and in the 16th minute the match came to life.

Blue Eagles captain, Angelo Giannitto, received the ball on the half way line and broke free — spotted Karadzic — who made a brilliant run inside the area on the left and made the Red Devils pay by slotting the ball calmly home for 1-0.

Five minutes later Karadzic stepped up to take a free kick just outside the box. Michael Berlingeri blocked Red Devils keeper Andy Allen's view, and eventually the free kick ended up in the bottom corner of the net.

The brothers Berlingeri, Michael and Joe, wreaked havoc amongst the Red Devils defence and forced coach Mario Boffa to substitute defender Michael Centofanti with attacking midfielder Goran Cvijanovic.

Red Devils captain, Tony Scalzi, had his opportunity to score in the 44th minute but his header from close range flashed past the upright.

In the second half the Berlingeri show was on display again when, in the 76th minute, Michael and Joe combined, but the latter's chip from 18 metres was easily saved by Allen.

Romeo Tatarelli was instrumental in the third and final goal in the 77th minute when his cross was met by Michael Berlingeri on the edge of the box.

In the second semi final, the Raiders continued their amazing unbeaten run, now 22 matches long, as they defeated WT Birkalla 2-0.

Raiders commenced brightly and were soon 1-0 up in the seventh minute when diminutive Bill Karapetis hammered a pile driver from 18 metres into the net following good lead up work from striker Luis Rodrigues.

This 'jumpstarted' Birkalla into action and free kick expert Steve DeGiovanello brought the best out of keeper Mate Maric with a well taken 'banana bender' from 20 metres.

In the 23rd minute Lachlan Campbell's header, from a Sam Barbaro corner, again had Maric pulling off a magnificent save to keep a clean scoresheet.

The second half opened in a see-saw affair with Rodrigues just missing the target from the edge of the box in the 56th minute.

Joe Barbaro and Lachlan Campbell worked hard in the second half with Barbaro missing by inches with a header in the 69th minute.

In the 80th minute Raiders striker, Tony Reeves, scored one of the goals of the year with a magnificent strike from 22 metres — giving Birkalla keeper Daniel Bieze no chance as it flew into the top corner.

Seconds later a scuffle erupted on the half way line and Raiders midfielder Drazen Kekez was sent off (he now misses the Grand Final). Rodrigues was also booked.

Raiders coach, Alby Kidd, immediately substituted him for Stephen Banicek — thus saving him his yellow carded player for the Grand Final.

Joe Barbaro just about summed up Birkalla's day when his power drive cannoned off the crossbar in the 90th minute.

Next Sunday, all eyes and ears will be at Thebarton Oval when the State League preliminary final kicks off at 12.30pm. Croydon Kings host Elizabeth City, then at 2.30pm, WT Birkalla take on the reigning premiers Adelaide Blue Eagles ... with no second prize for the losers.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
**Premier League Semi Finals**
**First Semi Final**

Adelaide B Eagles 3 C'belltown City 0

**SECOND SEMI FINAL**

Raiders 2 W Torrens B'alla 0

**First Semi Final U/23**

Modbury 14 Eliz City 13
*AET/Pens*

**STATE LEAGUE U/23**
**SECOND SEMI FINAL**

Adelaide Hills 3 Croydon 1

**FIRST SEMI FINAL U/19**

Para Hills 4 Plympton 1
*AET/Pens*

**SECOND SEMI FINAL U/19**

Cumberland United5 Croydon 3
*AET/Pens*

***SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER PRELIMINARY FINALS AT THEBARTON OVAL***

***PREMIER LEAGUE***

West Torrens Birkalla v Adelaide Blue Eagles – 2.30pm

**STATE LEAGUE**

Croydon v Elizabeth City – 12.30pm

## Mr Blue Eagles ANGELO GIANNITTO

**Adelaide Blue Eagles captain, Angelo Giannitto, has seen it all for his beloved club at just 30 years of age.**

A one club man, "Angie" has been part of the Firle club since 1979, when he began in their U/14 side as an eager 12 year old. His contribution to the Blue Eagles during his long career has been nothing less than outstanding, being involved in four championship winning teams.

Angelo's strengths are his ability to read the game, and inch perfect passing. His presence and experience has calmed the eagerness of the youngsters around him.

St Josephs Primary, St Peters sets the scene where Angie's career began as an eight year old, leading up to a long association with Blue Eagles.

Honours came in 1984 with the South Australian Youth team and eventually representing the senior side. "The good old days as they say, I loved playing up front wide on the right."

As he became somewhat of a legend at the Blue Eagles, he names many who have been a great part of his style of play. "As I came up through the ranks I was lucky enough to be influenced by former players such as John Francis, Wally Bozchuk, Chris Manolev and Ossie and Frank Michelon. All of my coaches have played a major role in helping me out including my first coaches: Paul Panos, John Reimellmoser, Jan Kierno, Frank Schaeper and Zoran Karadzic.

Since Zoran has been in charge we have been our most successful and I have enjoyed playing tremendously."

When the Giannitto brothers, Angelo, Pino and Tony line up in the same team, it is quite a sight, and a commentator's nightmare! You can rest assured that within the space of a minute, in any Blue Eagles match, one of the Giannitto brothers will be involved in the pattern of play.

This year Blue Eagles have already won the Mutual Community Federation Cup Final, in June, against WT Birkalla (2-1), and yet again are a part of the Top Four Finals action.

Since the Premier league format was introduced in 1994, Blue Eagles have participated in three Grand Finals and have walked away each time as champions. "The most memorable Grand Final was against Campbelltown Red Devils in 1994 when we were 3-1 down and came back to level the tie at 3-3, winning the Grand Final on penalty kicks."

This year, Adelaide Blue Eagles have lost quite a few players from their ranks and Angelo knows it has been a tough year, but come finals time it's a different ball game. "If we can come good at the right time leading up to the finals, there is no reason why we shouldn't win the title again."

Angie knows that to take out the title four years in a row is going to be a hard ask, but as experience will tell, anything is possible.

"I'll keep going as long as I enjoy playing and every year I know I might not again get the opportunity so I will put in my best during the finals."

He is a family man and works as an electrician. Married to Michele, he is the father of three young sons: Jonnie, Joel and Jessie.

One day these boys could well be part of a Blue Eagles line up — continuing the great Giannitto tradition of playing together in teams.

He now coaches the Saint Joseph Primary School Team, at Payneham, alongside Port Lions marketing director Bill Koloucheros. "When it's time to hang up the boots, coaching at a senior level might be an option. I would really like to see the game progress and perhaps a bit more time and effort put in to organising the premier league format. The ground conditions and facilities should all be reviewed and a relationship with the national league clubs, West Adelaide and Adelaide City, should be developed. At the moment it's all too easy to pluck the good players from the premier league for next to nothing after one club has nurtured the boy from his junior days. The player drain overseas has seen our standard of premier league drop dramatically and there seems to be a genuine lack of respect from the youngsters coming through. They seem to treat us older players with disrespect and it could be an indication that kids like to watch Soccer on television, and forget about the hard work put in that has made these players famous worldwide."

Angie has been the darling of Blue Eagles supporters for over a decade; he knows that with a bit of dedication and self belief Blue Eagles have it within themselves to raise the fourth championship in a row.

This feat has not been accomplished since the days of Juventus, now Adelaide City, in the period 1956-1959.

Who knows, history could be in the making, that is, if Angie gets his way!!

## All Futsal systems go!

**The inaugural Homestart FUTSAL season minor round is now over, and what a year!**

FUTSAL in South Australia is one of the most intriguing and fastest games to watch as a team sport.

The league finished with six teams, after the Southern Saints pulled out midway, unable to field a side that was competitive.

All sides grew in playing personnel and here is an insight to the clubs involved and the inaugural Homestart FUTSAL season.

**Adelaide Force:** Were the early pace setters with great FUTSAL played. Stars of the show were Australian international Spiros Simeonakis (in goal), the fearless Damian Gesuato and young Gianni La Scala.

Towards the end of the season, coach Tony La Scala and his assistant Rob Pepicelli, resigned and new coach Frank Blazevic stepped in to the hot seat. This unsettled the side and now they are back on track after the Force adjusted to his methods.

**Campbelltown Red Devils:** Commenced their season rather shakily after being hastily put together. The signing of young players Dino Paris, Nick Sabjlak, Michael Pirone and Omero Gosti soon settled the side and they began to play great FUTSAL.

If the Red Devils are at full strength, they will give the title a major shake.

Manager David White has worked hard, ensuring the first year ran as smoothly as possible. With Drago Ilicic at the helm they should be able to build on from here.

**North East Rangers:** Based at Hillcrest Stadium, Rangers were the surprise package of the minor round season. They were able to play their best FUTSAL under pressure with young Tony Puntillo starring. Adam Bruno and Clement Martino improved during the season and the Rangers will go onto bigger things next season.

**Northern Warriors:** The Elizabeth boys learned a great deal the hard way and tried their hearts out all season, pushing many of the higher placed sides to the limit, but succumbing in the end to inexperience.

The Agius boys and Mazis had an outstanding first FUTSAL season and hopefully the heart of the Warriors will stay together for the future of the game in the Northern Areas.

**Port Icebreakers:** Soon won the respect of the other sides in the league. Petruzella and DeGoia shone for the Icebreakers. The boys could be the sleeping giants of the FUTSAL league and their big test will be next season.

**Port Pirates:** Without doubt the Pirates are the most fearsome team in the FUTSAL league. They have a line-up that will leave many sides wondering what hit them! One of the best goalkeepers in the league, Robert Matosevic, has such a great defence in front of him.

Whoever beat the Pirates will be champions in the play-offs!

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# SOUTH AMERICA

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## Catolica lead in Chile

**Title holder Universidad Catolica is the leader of the Chilean league second phase after a hard fought 2-0 victory over country side Deportes Temuco.**

Striker Anibal Gonzalez in the 50th minute and Argentine attacking midfielder David Bisconti, in the 71st, netted for Catolica

Meanwhile Colo Colo, the most popular club in the country, defeated Audax Italiano 2-1 in a thriller. Midfielder Jose Luis Sierra opened the account in the 13th minute for Colo.

Audax's striker Mauricio Illescas equalised in the 24th, but Brazilian midfielder Emerson Pereira scored the winner one minute later.

In another big match, Universidad de Chile beat Cobreloa 3-2 — playing for most of the game with only 10 men after the sending off of midfielder Luis Musrri.

Pedro Jaque (own goal), Paraguayan striker Richard Baez and Rodrigo Barrera scored for the "students", while Cristian Castaneda (own goal) and Chilean U/20 defender, Paolo Vivar, netted for Cobreloa.

***Other results:***

Puerto Montt 2 Palestino 0, Union Espanola 2 Santiago Wanderers 0, La Serena 0 Huachipato 0, Osorno 2 Antofagasta 0, Concepcion 0,Coquimbo 0.

Catolica leads the competition with ten points, followed by Colo Colo on nine with one game in hand, Universidad de Chile with eight, Union Espanola, Puerto Montt, Cobreloa and Palestino seven, Wanderers, Concepcion and Huachipato five, Osorno four, Antofagasta and Temuco three, Coquimbo two (one game in hand), and La Serena one.

***Played:*** Santa Laura Stadium, Santiago
***Crowd:*** 10,040
**AUDAX ITALIANA:** Cossio, Chacon, Ortega (Moreno 79), Pena, Olarra, Bechthold, Girland, Cangialossi (Reyes 63), Illescas, Brizuela (Delgado 60).
**COLO COLO:** Ramirez, Salas, Reyes, Gonzalez, Munoz, Emerson, Espina, Barticciotto, Sierra (Alegria 81), Neira (Vergara 46), Basay.
***Red Cards:***
**COLO COLO:** Barticciotto (70)

## ECUADOREAN UPDATE

**Liga Deportiva Universitaria leads the Ecuadorean league second phase after a 2-0 away victory against Olmedo in Riobamba.**

Striker Patricio Hurtado opened the account for the visitors in the 28th minute, and midfielder Manuel Ferreira added the second in the 73rd.

Liga Deportiva finished the match with ten men after defender Macias was sent off for a second yellow card.

Olmedo: Coroso, Cherrez, Ponce, Caicedo, Gonzalez, De Negri (Batioja), Mina, Ledesma (Pena), Galvan, Mecias (mercado), Quinonez.

Meanwhile, Espoli caused one of the surprises of the round with a 2-0 victory over Barcelona of Guayaquil in Quito.

Bertoni Zambrano in the 60th minute and Garay after 78 minutes scored the goals for Espoli.

***Other results:***

Aucas 1 Deportivo Quito 2, Deportivo Quevedo 0 Deportivo Cuenca 0, Calvi 1 Emelec 2, Tecnico Universitario 2 Nacional 1

Liga Deportiva leads the championship with 16 points, followed by Quito with 14, Cuenca and Barcelona with 11, Emelec ten, Aucas and Espoli nine,Tecnico Universitario eight, Nacional five, Calvi four, Olmedo and Quevedo three.

**LIGA:** Espinoza, Samaniego, Ballesteros, Jacome (D'Agostino), Reascos, Macias, Carcelen, Guaman, Ferreira, Hurtado (Arteaga), Bravo (Escalante).

**ESPOLI:** Buele, Andrade, Valencia, Garcia, Pazmino (Zambrano), Carabali, Tenorio, Obregon, Yepez (Slof), Capurro (Garay), Quinonez.

**BARCELONA:** Cevallos, Gomez, Montanero, Montano, Capurro, Rosero, Mina (Jauch), Vargas, Acosta (Gavica), Asencio (Delgado), Robson.

*Diego Maradona is once more in trouble due to failing a drugs test after a recent game.*

## SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP

**Chilean champion Colo Colo (group one), Flamengo of Brazil and Olimpia of Paraguay, (group two), Argentine champion River Plate and Vasco da Gama of Brazil (group three), and Estudiantes from Argentina, in group four, were the winners in the first qualifying round of the South American Supercup, a competition reserved for past and present winners of the Libertadores Cup.**

**IN GROUP ONE**, Colo Colo defeated Cruizero of Brazil by four goals to two in Santiago. Meanwhile in the Argentine derby, Boca Juniors, without Diego Maradona, drew 1-1 with independiente.

Ivo Basay (twice), Richard Zambrano and Jose Luis Sierra netted for Colo Colo, while Marcelo and Tico scored for Cruzeiro.

In the match between Boca and Independiente, Peruvian international midfielder Norberto Solano scored for Boca, while Uruguayan striker Gabriel Alvez equalised for the "red devils".

Colo Colo leads the group with three points, followed by Boca Juniors and Independiente with one point each, and Cruzeiro on no points.

Next matches are Colo. Colo v Independiente, in Santiago, and Boca Juniors v Cruzeiro in Buenos Aires, both on September 3.

**IN GROUP TWO**, the derby between Brazilian giants Flamengo and Sao Paulo finished with Flamengo in a 3-0 victory. Fabio Bahiano, Renato Gaucho and Savio scored for Flamengo.

In the other match played in Asuncion, Olimpia beat Velez Sarsfield of Argentina 1-0, with a goal from striker Felix Torres.

Flamengo and Olimpia are joint leaders with three points, followed by Sao Paulo and Velez without points.

Next matches are on 2 September, with Olimpia v Flamengo in Asuncion; and Sao Paulo v Velez Sarsfield, in Brazil, on September 4.

**IN GROUP THREE**, newly crowned Argentine champion, River Plate, scored a dramatic 3-2 victory over Racing Club. Argentine international midfielder Sergio Berti, striker Ramon Medina Bello and Santiago Solari netted for River, while Damian Facciuto and striker Martin Villalonga scored for Racing.

In the other match, Vasco da Gama defeated Santos 2-1, with goals from Eavir and Jean (own goal) for Santos, and Marcelo Pasos for Santos.

River and Vasco lead group three with three points each, followed by Racing and Santos without points.

Next matches are on 2 September; Vasco Da Gama v Racing in Rio de Janeiro; and River Plate v Santos in Buenos Aires, on September 4.

**IN GROUP FOUR**, Gremio of Brazil and Penarol of Uruguay drew 1-1 in Porto Alegre. Guilherme opened the score for Gremio, and veteran striker Carlos Aguilera equalised for Penarol.

In the other game, Estudiantes of La Plata defeated Atletico Nacional of Colombia 1-0, with a goal scored by Martin Furiga.

Estudiantes lead the group with three points, followed by Gremio and Penarol with one point each. Atletico Nacional have yet to pick up points.

Next matches are on 3 September with Estudiantes v Gremio, in La Plata; and Penarol v Atletico Nacional, in Montevideo.

## CONMEBOL CUP

**The Conmebol Cup, a tournament reserved for teams who finished third in their respective leagues in South America, kicked off with some unexpected results.**

Vitoria of Brazil, Universidad of Chile, Deportes Tolima from Colombia, and Universitario of Peru started the Conmebol Cup with respective victories over Sportivo Luqueno of Paraguay, Colon of Santa Fe from Argentina, Rio Branco of Brazil and Tecnico Universitario of Ecuador.

**All results:**

**IN MONTEVIDEO:**
Defensor Sporting (Uruguay) .....1
Danubio (Uruguay).....1

**IN VITORIA:**
Vitoria (Brazil) .....2
Sporting Luqueno (Paraguay).....0

**IN SANTA CRUZ:**
Real Santa Cruz (Bolivia) .....1
Lanus (Argentina) .....1

**IN SANTIAGO:**
Universidad of Chile (Chile).....2
Colon of Santa Fe (Argentina) .....1

**IN BOGOTA:**
Deportes Tolima (Colombia) .....2
Rio Branco (Brazil).....1

**IN LIMA:**
Universitario (Peru) .....3
Tecnico Universitario (Ecuador).....0

**IN CARACAS:**
Atletico Tachira (Venezuela) .....1
America of Cali (Colombia) .....1

*The return matches will be played on Wednesday, September 3.*

# Weird & Wonderful 1930-31

By STUART JONES

**FA Cup holders Arsenal ran away with the Division One title thanks to only four losses all season in the league. They were clear of second placed Aston Villa by seven points in yet another 'blowout' of the league race. David Jack scored 31 goals for the cause as the team from north London scored 127 goals in 42 games. Sheffield Wednesday fell to third place, seven points behind Villa.**

At the bottom, two of the bigger teams had shockers and finished up relegated, Manchester United and Leeds United. Leeds won their last game 3-1 only to see Blackpool take a point off Manchester City and therefore all their efforts were in vein.

In the second division, Everton made sure their stay in Division Two was extremely brief by waltzing through the season and finishing as champions. West Bromwich Albion finished up promoted after beating Spurs to that all important runners-up spot.

At the bottom, Reading and Cardiff were relegated.

For Division Three, the two champions were Notts County in the south and Chesterfield in the north. At the bottom were Norwich and Nelson respectively. Another new team had entered the league, that being Thames, who had replaced Merthyr Town. It was not the best of starts for the new boys as they only managed one away win all season and ended third from bottom.

The FA Cup saw a unique double achieved. The semi finals saw Birmingham win 2-0 over Sunderland while WBA defeated Everton, in the battle of the two best teams in Division Two, by the odd goal.

90,368 people were at Wembley to watch the game. Birmingham's defence had been the strongpoint of this cup campaign, but it was to let them down at the crucial hour, or thirty seconds as the case was. Albion were up through a Richardson goal at half time.

In the 56-minute Birmingham achieved something no team had done in a Cup Final for 21-years, they scored an equaliser, however, celebrations were short lived as from the kick-off, Carter, Richardson and Sandford drove through the Brummie team to score the winning goal, the fastest ever from a kick-off at Wembley.

Birmingham battled hard but could not score again and HRH the Duke of Gloucester presented WBA with the FA Cup. Two weeks later the side also won promotion, this making the finest season for the Albion.

Mention must go to Exeter City who had an epic run in the FA Cup, making it all the way through to the final eight, defeating Northfleet, Coventry, Derby County, Bury and Leeds United along the way.

With the depression came a reduction in the number of sides in the Southern League, down to just 32. The Eastern Section saw a ding-dong battle between Dartford and Aldershot Town.

Aldershot had completed their campaign with Dartford having to win against third placed Norwich City Reserves. They did that, 7-0 in fact, to take out the section on goal difference.

The Western Section was more clear cut as Exeter City Reserves finished four points clear of the field. The play-off Final was a one-sided affair as Dartford won 7-2 with second-half hat-tricks from Hopkins and Trotman.

Rangers lifted the Scottish title once again but this time the battle was much tighter. Celtic kept them honest the whole way through but finished two points shy of the holders. Motherwell ended two points behind Celtic. The old firm derbies ended one apiece that season.

East Fife went straight back down with Hibernian also finishing in the bottom two. Third Lanark were clear champions of Division Two with Bo'ness ending bottom of the league. Also promoted were Dundee United.

In the Scottish FA Cup it was the other Dundee side that caused the greatest shock when they upset Rangers in the second round 2-1. This left it open for Celtic to get their hands on silverware for the first time in what must have seemed an eternity to them, (all of three seasons).

Sure enough they made the final after defeating Kilmarnock 3-0 in their semi-final. Their opponents were Motherwell, who had defeated St Mirren 1-0 in other semi-final. The Final was a classic with the score finishing 2-2 and four days later the replay saw more goals as all the trophies stayed in Glasgow, Celtic winning 4-2 this time.

## Around Europe the Champions were:

Austria • First Vienna FC (Cup • Weiner AC, by declaration).
Belgium • Royal Antwerp
Bulgaria • AC 23 Sofia
Germany • Hertha BSC Berlin
Holland • Ajax
Italy • FBC Juventus
Poland • Garbarnia Krakow
Romania • UDRResita
Spain • Athletic Club De Bilboa (Cup and league champions)
Sweden • GAIS Goteborg
Switzerland • Grasshoppers Zurich (Cup • FC Lugano)

## ENGLAND – DIVISION ONE

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| Arsenal | 42 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 67 | 27 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 60 | 32 | 66 |
| A Villa | 42 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 86 | 34 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 42 | 44 | 59 |
| Sheffield Wed | 42 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 65 | 32 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 37 | 43 | 52 |
| Portsmouth | 42 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 46 | 26 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 41 | 49 |
| Hudderfield T | 42 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 45 | 27 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 36 | 38 | 48 |
| Derby Co | 42 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 56 | 31 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 38 | 48 | 46 |
| Middlesbrough | 42 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 57 | 28 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 41 | 62 | 46 |
| Manchester C | 42 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 41 | 29 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 34 | 41 | 36 |
| Liverpool | 42 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 48 | 28 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 38 | 57 | 42 |
| Blackburn R | 42 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 54 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 29 | 56 | 42 |
| Sunderland | 42 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 61 | 38 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 28 | 47 | 41 |
| Chelsea | 42 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 42 | 19 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 48 | 40 |
| Grimsby T | 42 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 55 | 31 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 27 | 56 | 39 |
| Bolton W | 42 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 45 | 26 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 23 | 55 | 39 |
| Sheffield Utd | 42 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 49 | 31 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 29 | 53 | 38 |
| Leicester C | 42 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 50 | 38 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 30 | 57 | 38 |
| Newcastle Utd | 42 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 41 | 45 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 37 | 42 | 36 |
| West Ham Utd | 42 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 56 | 44 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 23 | 50 | 36 |
| Birmingham | 42 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 37 | 28 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 42 | 36 |
| Blackpool | 42 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 41 | 44 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 30 | 81 | 32 |
| Leeds Utd | 42 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 49 | 31 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 19 | 50 | 31 |
| Manchester Utd | 42 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 23 | 78 | 22 |

## DIVISION TWO

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| Everton | 42 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 76 | 31 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 45 | 35 | 61 |
| WBA | 42 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 40 | 16 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 43 | 33 | 54 |
| Tottenham H | 42 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 64 | 20 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 24 | 35 | 51 |
| Wolves | 42 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 56 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 28 | 42 | 47 |
| Port Vale | 42 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 28 | 45 | 47 |
| Bradford | 42 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 71 | 24 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 26 | 42 | 46 |
| Preston NE | 42 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 55 | 31 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 28 | 33 | 45 |
| Burnley | 42 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 55 | 30 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 26 | 47 | 45 |
| Southampton | 42 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 46 | 22 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 28 | 40 | 44 |
| Bradford C | 42 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 39 | 26 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 37 | 44 |
| Stoke C | 42 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 30 | 54 | 44 |
| Oldham A | 42 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 45 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 16 | 44 | 42 |
| Bury | 42 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 44 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 31 | 62 | 41 |
| Millwall | 42 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 47 | 25 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 24 | 55 | 39 |
| Charlton A | 42 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 35 | 33 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 24 | 53 | 39 |
| Bristol C | 42 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 25 | 59 | 38 |
| Nottingham F | 42 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 54 | 35 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 26 | 50 | 37 |
| Plymouth A | 42 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 47 | 33 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 29 | 51 | 36 |
| Barnsley | 42 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 42 | 23 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 56 | 35 |
| Swansea T | 42 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 40 | 29 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 11 | 45 | 34 |
| Reading | 42 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 47 | 33 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 25 | 63 | 30 |
| Cardiff C | 42 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 32 | 31 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 15 | 56 | 25 |

## DIVISION 3 North

Chesterfield 58, Lincoln C 57, Wrexham 54, Tranmere R 54, Southport 53, Hull C 50, Stockport Co 49, Carlisle U 45, Gateshead 45, Wigan B 43, Darlington 42, York C 42, Accrington S 39, Rotherham U 38, Doncaster R 37, Barrow 37, Halifax T 35, Crewe A 34, New Brighton 33, Hartlepools U 30, Rochdale 30, Nelson 19.

## DIVISION 3 South

Notts Co 59, Crystal P 51, Brentford 50, Brighton & HA 49, Southend U 49, Northampton T 48, Luton T 46, QPR 43, Fulham 43, Bournemouth 43, Torquay U 43, Swindon T 42, Exeter C 42, Coventry C 41, Bristol R 40, Gillingham 38, Walsall 37, Watford 35, Clapton O 35, Thames 34, Newport Co 29, Norwich C 28.

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE Eastern Section

Dartford 23, Aldershot Town 23, Norwich City (Res) 19, Peterborough & Fletton U 17, Thames Association (Res) 16, Millwall (Res) 14, Folkestone 11, Guildford City 11, Sheppey United 10.

## Western Division

Exeter City (Res) 32, Llanelly 28, Merthyr Town 27, Plymouth Argyle (Res) 26, Bath City 26, Torquay United (Res) 23, Swindon Town (Res) 21, Bristol Rovers (Res) 20, Barry 19, Taunton Town 17, Newport County (Res) 14, Ebbw Vale 11.

## SCOTLAND Division 1

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| Hearts | 38 | 19 | 6 | 13 | 90 | 63 | 44 |
| Aberdeen | 38 | 17 | 7 | 14 | 79 | 63 | 41 |
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| Dundee | 38 | 17 | 5 | 16 | 65 | 63 | 39 |
| Airdrie | 38 | 17 | 5 | 16 | 59 | 66 | 39 |
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| Queen's Park | 38 | 13 | 7 | 18 | 71 | 72 | 33 |
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| Morton | 38 | 11 | 7 | 20 | 58 | 83 | 29 |
| Leith A | 38 | 8 | 11 | 19 | 51 | 85 | 27 |
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# UK NEWS

By MICKY BROCK

## WHEN WRIGHT IS WRONG

ARSENAL'S Ian Wright faces the prospect of a lengthy ban after being charged with misconduct by the Football Association for his part in an ugly confrontation in Wednesday's clash with Leicester.

Wright's team mate Patrick Vieira and Leicester City captain Steve Walsh have also been charged, after referee Graham Barber reported the trio to the FA for 'adopting an aggressive attitude towards each other after the game.'

Given his previous disciplinary record, Wright has the most to fear if he is found guilty by a disciplinary commission again.

It is possible the FA will invoke their 'last chance' warning handed out to Wright in June which followed a $24,000 fine relating to two incidents in April.

Wright, 33, has recently had counselling in an effort to try and curb the type of outburst witnessed at Leicester, but the star Gunners striker could now be hit with a heavy fine and even a suspension.

The episode is sure to cause embarrassment to the Football Association, who caused controversy by hiring the Arsenal hitman to head an FA advertising campaign.

England star Wright had been substituted in the second half, but ran on to the pitch to join a posse of Arsenal players who surrounded the ref after a 95th minute stoppage time equaliser by Walsh.

The Arsenal player appeared to aim a blow in the direction of Walsh before he was dragged away by his team mates.

Dennis Bergkamp — scored a hat-trick in t he Leicester match.

Tempers also boiled in the referee's changing room, with Arsenal assistant manager Pat Rice charged with misconduct over alleged remarks made to Barber after the game.

## EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

CONFLICTING reports on Alan Shearer should have the Newcastle fans either in raptures or slitting their wrists this yuletide.

Chairman, Sir John Hall, has already resigned himself to the fact that England's No.1 striker won't be making any Premier League appearances until the New Year although reports throughout the UK have the player coming back as early as November, after the disastrous injury sustained in a pre-season friendly against Chelsea has kept him sidelined so far.

Hall believed he would have a better understanding of the situation after the club doctor had re-examined Shearer upon returning from the Champions League preliminary round win over Croatia Zagreb.

It would be a boon for the 'Toon Army' faithful and England fans alike if the player is back in action and match fit in time for the end of season games, when Newcastle could still be in contention for the title, and then go on to perform to his usual high standards at the World Cup Finals in France, should the national side make it.

It was a brave chairman who said, prior to the second leg match in Zagreb: "Croatia say they are playing for their nation. Well, we are playing for the Geordie nation.

"Football helped take the north east out of its recession and our people take an enormous pride in the club. We set out at the beginning of our adventure to make Newcastle one of the top three clubs in England and one of the best ten in Europe.

"Now there can be no going back. We have to be there when the European League comes along which is bound to happen."

Fortunately, Newcastle won through to the Champions League 'round robin' format by scoring in the final minute of extra time but the words of their chairman must send out a chilling message to the smaller clubs of Europe.

When, not if, the European Super League comes along, what will happen to all the extra revenue generated?

It is a safe bet that not a lot of it will find its way down to grass roots level, directly or otherwise.

Alan Shearer: On his way back for christmas?

## NEGRI GRABS THE RECORD

MARCO NEGRI netted all five goals in the Scottish Premier League match as Rangers ran out 5-1 winners over the hapless Dundee United in their match recently.

This, though a magnificent feat in itself, has catapulted the Italian into top spot as no player has scored that many in a single Premier League match, north of the border, before.

He joins Andy Cole, Manchester United, in the English Premiership, who also scored five, against Ipswich Town, when they won 9-0 at Old Trafford a couple of years ago.

Gianluca Vialli just missed out on sharing this accolade last week when putting four past Dave Watson in the Barnsley goal, the final score seeing the visitors up by six.

Vialli's timely streak of form will be a reminder to manager Ruud Gullit not to leave him out of the side as his record for the season reads: Premier League - One Appearance, FOUR goals!

Not too foul by any standard.

## RAVANELLI — A TOFFEE?

EVERTON are still pursuing Fabrizzio Ravanelli of Middlesbrough in an attempt to lure the unsettled Italian striker to Goodison Park.

Despite failing in a bid during the summer, Howard Kendall has not lost interest in the player, who could have been with the club now had both he and Ravanelli been able to settle on personal terms.

The latest offer appears to be a player and cash deal which would see Earl Barrett and Graham Stuart heading toward the Cellnet Riverside Stadium in part exchange.

## WHAT A RECORD

DESPITE the signing of Stan Collymore in the summer, Brian Little can now boast the worst start of any season for a manager of Aston Villa in their 109-year old history.

Prior to the weekend, the Villans had played four, lost four and until their game with Tottenham, hadn't scored once, even with Collymore, Yorke and Milosevic up front in a bold bid to return to their former playing style and successes of the 1970s.

'Deadly' Doug Ellis, has never been known for his patience with managers and should things not improve, and extremely quickly, Little could become the first managerial casualty of the season although, bets on that being Peter Reid at Sunderland are still keeping the bookies awake at night.

## BITS & PIECES

BARNSLEY'S record summer signing Georgi Hristov, a $3.2 million acquisition from Partizan Belgrade, made his 'starting' debut, having made three sub appearances so far this term, for the side in their 2-1 win over Bolton, who had Peter Beardsley making his debut also.

The Macedonian international scored his first for the club and looked good on the pitch. If he keeps it up, the Tykes may survive another year in the top flight but it takes more than one swallow to make a spring.

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ROY HODGSON, after Blackburn's 7-2 drubbing of Sheffield Wednesday, was quoted as saying he would rather the match be drawn than lose Australian goalkeeper John Filan through injury.

That is certainly praise indeed for the player by a manager who has tasted success throughout Europe and spent last season at Inter Milan in the Italian Serie A.

Sheffield Wednesday boss David Pleat had plenty to say the next day when protecting his players from the harsh criticism of the media when stating it was: "A test of management."

Pleat didn't offer any clues as to why the side had totally capitulated after just 23-minutes in a match they never got a look in. Surely Paolo Di Canio must be enjoying his move south from Celtic....

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LEICESTER CITY fans must be wondering what's going on? They've met, and beaten, Aston Villa and Liverpool and drawn against Manchester United and Arsenal, four of the teams expected to be up there fighting it out in May.

Although early days, they have shown they are more than capable of mixing it with the 'big boys' this term already, the only drawback being that the title race is a marathon and not a sprint.

However, the fans at Filbert Street should enjoy these wondrous times while they last, the bubble bursts for everyone eventually.

What could prove the turning point is the winter months and European involvement. If they can surmount, or even juggle, those commitments, they may make a fight of it until March or April.

There at the end? Probably not.

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CRYSTAL PALACE must like Italians after the signing of Lombardo as they are to have 33-year old Ivano Bonetti return to Selhurst Park for a further 10 day trail.

Bonetti spent last season with Tranmere Rovers and is now a free agent, after his contract wasn't renewed, and is a former team mate of Lombardo when both were at Sampdoria.

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THOMAS BROLIN, once of Leeds United until a spat took him away in a huff, is rumoured to be holding talks with Real Zaragoza in Spain which, in all probability, will eventuate in the near future. Not too many Leeds fans will mourn his passing, most unable to recognise him in the street after a torrid flirt with the Premiership.

## ENGLAND'S REWARD

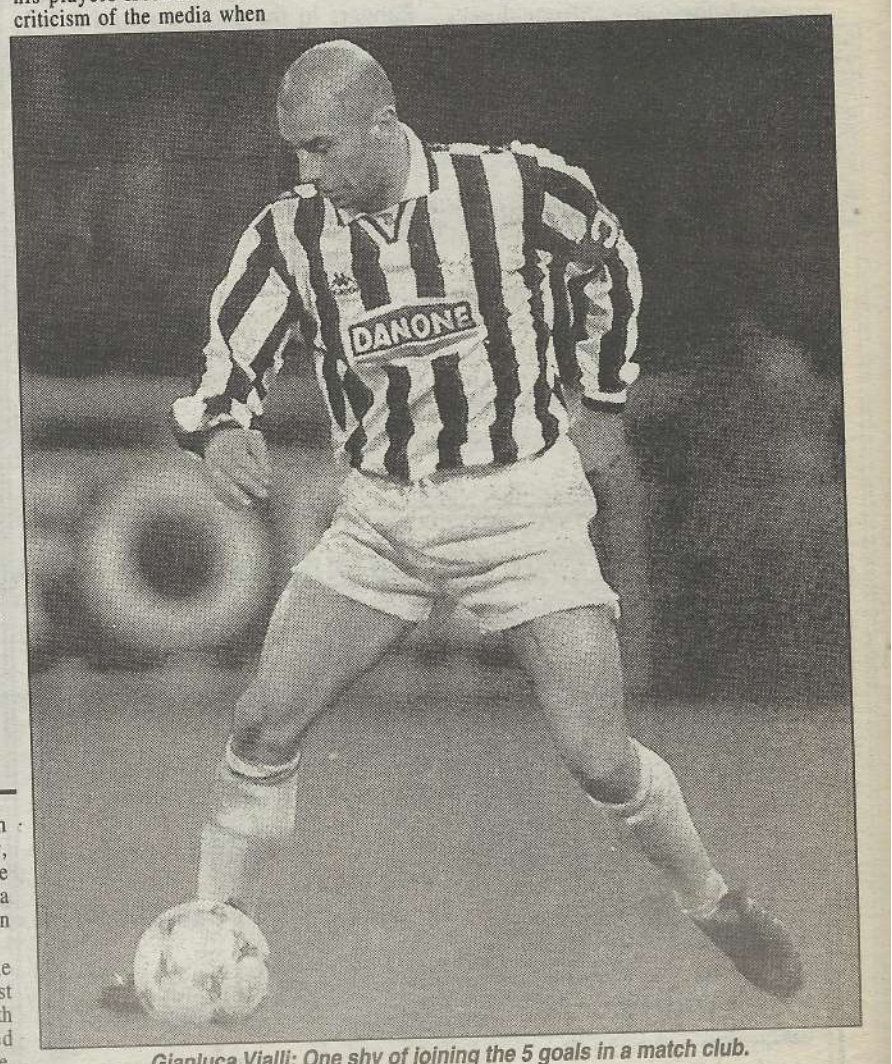
ENGLAND have again been granted an extra place in the UEFA Cup next season after being noted as one of Europe's fairest nations in the competition last year, although they still refuse to allow the winners of the Coca Cola Cup into the competition.

Two other nations, Finland and Norway, will receive an extra spot also, by virtue of their fans good behaviour.

## WALES VERSUS ENGLAND

WALES have invited England to play a 'warm up' match against them before the World Cup Finals starting next June. The last time these two sides met in an international fixture was thirteen years ago, before the government decided to ban the Home International series.

Secretary-general of the Football Association of Wales, David Collins said: "We are negotiating a number of options for friendly fixtures," without mentioning that Wales won the last time the two sides met with a Mark Hughes goal.



Gianluca Vialli: One shy of joining the 5 goals in a match club.

# ABSW news in BRIEF

**Can nothing stop the pool of local talent heading overseas? Reports on Con Blatsis, who trialled with Nottingham Forest in England's Division One, suggested he would join Birmingham City.**

He is back in Melbourne having decided to have another season with South Melbourne.

Chris Kalantzis, who left these shores for Greek side Panathinaikos, is returning to Australia and joining UTS Olympic. He has now come to the end of his contract with Olympiakos, his last team, and looks forward to playing in Australia again.

Former Panathinaikos team mate, Lou Hristodoulou, could also be linking up with Kalantzis at Belmore, but rumour has it he is likely to head to South Australia. Hristodoulou spent eight years with the Greek club side and becomes another in a long line of players returning home.

Continuing the original theme, UTS Olympic's Raphael Bove has signed for Heerenveen, in the top Dutch league. No fee has been nominated at this stage.

A story doing the rounds last week had talented striker Damian Mori on his way to Portsmouth. Terry Fenwick was supposed to want Mori to link up with fellow South Australian John Aloisi to form a two-pronged strike force at the South Coast club.

This would bring the total to six Australians at the one club: Thorp (West Adelaide), Aloisi (Cremonese, Italy), Kalac and Enes (Sydney United) and Craig Foster (Marconi).

Mori spent last season with Moenchengladbach in Germany and could be on the move soon, provided he receives a work permit. We await developments but do not hold your breath.

However, the money is on someone having a laugh at the media's expense?

Jason Petkovic who has been trialling with Scottish giants Glasgow Rangers, has not been picked up by the club and is now trying his luck in Portugal and Spain.

Adelaide City have given him ten days to pick up a club or return to Adelaide and resume pre-season training.

Tynan Scope, remember the name, signed a 12 month contract with Coventry City, in the English Premier League, last Thursday night.

The 18 year old goalkeeper was taken to see Gordon Strachan after saving a penalty in the Sky Blues reserve match 2-1 win over Villa reserves.

He was recommended to Coventry by Mick Hickman and Mark McGhee, once again showing that Australia produces some outstanding keepers. Full story next week.

## LAURIE SCHWAB MEMORIAL MATCH

**By DWYGHT TUFFNELL**

**Melbourne Knights will play South Melbourne at Knights Stadium on Saturday September 6 in the Laurie Schwab Memorial Match.**

It is just one of a number of activities planned by The Laurie Schwab Foundation, thus ensuring that his name continues to live on in Soccer.

The foundation has projects in mind, from which money raised will benefit the game.

Such ideas already suggested are the establishment of a library holding league records, articles and feature stories.

Young players could benefit with plans to help young talent through the AIS and VIS programs.

The foundation may also sponsor a scholarship for a young Soccer writer.

It will have a small board of trustees and a working committee to raise funds and employ them in specific projects — reflecting the spirit and aims of the foundation.

It will be working very closely with the Schwab family and all relevant Soccer and community groups.

The Knights versus Lakers match will kick off at 7pm on Saturday September 6, with a curtain raiser at 5pm between a Melbourne Knights Old Boys XI and a South Melbourne Old Boys XI.

Family tickets (two adults and two children) are available at $10. Adult tickets are $8 and concession $2.

## JAPAN LINK: BOOM FOR DOLPHINS

**Breaking into the tough world of professional football could be eased for youth players of Warringah Dolphins after the start of an innovative junior exchange program.**

On September 24 a group of 21, including 16 players, leaves for five games in Japan. The highlights are expected to be games against apprentices from J-League clubs Vissel Kobe (who now feature Matthew Bingley) and Verdy Kawasaki.

The touring party will be special guests of Kokugakuin High School, and will take part in this Sport and Cultural exchange program under the auspices of the NSW Department of Education.

According to Richard Alagich, Warringah Dolphins Youth Technical Director, the intent is to set up a 'sister' relationship, which will enable young players from Sydney's northern beaches to win scholarships to play in Japan.

He added, "At the same time we will be offering programs for teenage players from Japan to come to Australia to study and toughen up in the NSW Youth League competition.

"We are creating a pathway to the top of world Soccer. From Japan it is quite possible to win contracts in Europe from Japanese sister clubs."

Following the Dolphins tour, Alagich and Fred Wall, a highly regarded goalkeeping trainer, will remain in Japan to conduct a series of coaching camps and seminars in both Fukuoka and Tokyo.

The touring party players are:

Vince Bagnato, Sam Martin, Payl Hayden, Thomas Corte, Ian Church, Matthew Faulkner, Scott Bidder, Gavin Yates, Hideaki Serizawa, Tim West, Luke Femia, Cameron Jones, Matthew Turner, Roy De Giglio, Nick Femia, Damian Pisano.

They will be accompanied by Alagich, Wall and Mike Turner, Mark Channell and Richard Paddle.

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## Blues, Glory Chase Sasha

**By JOHN RIGAS**

**Sunshine Georgies striker Sash Markovski is the latest player to trial with Carlton.**

The 20 year old has one month to impress coach Eddie Krncevic and he said, "I am as good a chance as any other player in the squad to be selected."

He trained with the Blues full time for two weeks and enjoyed the eight to nine sessions a week.

"It was great training twice a day, especially under the guidance of Eddie Krncevic," Markovski said about his time with the glamour new boys of the Ericsson Cup.

The deadly forward finished top goalscorer in the Victorian Premier League, scoring a hat trick in the last round edging him into Sunshine history by scoring 25 goals in one season, beating the previous record of 24.

He has also caught the eye of other Ericsson Cup clubs. The young striker was recommended to Wollongong Wolves by Sonny Sevin, who played briefly with Markovski at Sunshine.

Meanwhile, Perth Glory General manager, Roger Lefort, has said that "Sasha is highly regarded in Melbourne and Glory is looking forward to seeing what he can do."

Markovski is in Perth this week for trials with the 'Glory boys', and is expected to line-up against Joondalup tomorrow night in a trial match.

The young Victorian learnt his trade playing juniors for Sunshine Heights, Altona Magic and Green Gully and was recruited by the Georgies from Sunshine Heights Polonia.

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